

## Chapter Opt 9

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

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**Opt 9.01 Initiation of program.** The program of continuing education outlined below will begin January 1, 1971 and the annual requirement outlined in section Opt 9.02 must be completed in 1971 for license renewal in 1972.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1971, No. 181, eff. 2-1-71; am. Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73.

**Opt 9.02 Biennial requirement.** Each licensed optometrist shall attend a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education courses. Satisfactory proof of compliance with this requirement is a prerequisite for registration under s. 449.06 (1), Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1971, No. 181, eff. 2-1-71; am. Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; am. Register, September, 1978, No. 273, eff. 10-1-78.

**Opt 9.03 Approved programs.** (1) Only approved programs will receive credit toward compliance with the 20-hour requirement.

(a) Any study at a board approved college, university, or institution of learning on subjects relative to optometry.

(b) Any board approved optometric organized educational function.

**Note:** The board will make every effort to approve those and other programs well in advance of registration when requested.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1971, No. 181, eff. 2-1-71; cr. (c) Register, August, 1973, No. 212, eff. 9-1-73; am. (1) (Intro.) and r. (1) (c), Register, September, 1978, No. 273, eff. 10-1-78.

**Opt 9.04 Proof of attendance.** Satisfactory written proof of attendance at 20 hours of approved courses or programs shall be submitted with the registration application and fee.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1971, No. 181, eff. 2-1-71; am. Register, September, 1978, No. 273, eff. 10-1-78.

**Opt 9.05 Excused absence.** At the discretion of the board, illness, hardship, or incapacitation will be considered a valid excuse.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1971, No. 181, eff. 2-1-71.

**Opt 9.06 Unprofessional conduct for failure to comply.** It shall be considered unprofessional conduct to fail to comply with this chapter.

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1971, No. 181, eff. 2-1-71.