

## Chapter Opt 9

## CONTINUOUS EDUCATION

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**Opt 9.01 Initiation of program.** The program of continuous 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.

**Opt 9.02 Annual requirement.** Each active Wisconsin practitioner shall attend in each calendar year a minimum of 10 hours of post-graduate continuous educational courses or meetings. Satisfactory proof of compliance with this requirement is a prerequisite for renewal in each successive calendar year.

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

**Opt 9.03 Approved programs.** Only approved programs will receive credit toward compliance with the 10-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.

**Opt 9.04 Proof of attendance.** Satisfactory written proof of attendance at 10 hours of approved courses or programs shall be submitted with the renewal application and fee each year prior to January 1.

**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.