



2024 Continuing Education Requirements

MSBO wanted to reach out to all Mississippi Optometrists to make them aware of CE changes and to issue guidance regarding PEP certified optometrists' requirements. These CE regulations and requirements for the 2024 license year were made due to the scope expanding in 2021.

WHAT HAS NOT CHANGED

1. 20 TOTAL HOURS OF CE ARE STILL REQUIRED
2. 10 HOURS MUST CONSTITUTE THE THERAPEUTIC TREATMENT OF EYE/EYELIDS
3. A 2-HOUR CPR COURSE IS STILL REQUIRED AND WILL BE SPLIT OVER THE TWO YEARS YOU ARE CERTIFIED
4. 12 HOURS OF NON-FACE-TO-FACE CONTINUING EDUCATION WILL BE ACCEPTED IN ANY CATEGORY

WHAT HAS CHANGED

1. **ALL Mississippi ODs** will be required to complete a 2-hour course every 2 years on the prescribing and diversion of narcotics. This requirement is independent of whether or not that Optometrist has a DEA number or prescribes narcotics in their practice. This 2-hour course will be split for 1 hour credit for the 2-year period it covers just like the CPR requirement.
2. **PEP Certified ODs** will be required to concentrate 6 hours of their 20 hours on the performance of primary eye care procedures. These courses will be approved by the Board if they include, but are not limited to, material pertaining to the direct performance of YAG laser capsulotomy and/or material pertaining to conditions that may require a primary eyecare procedure that can be performed Mississippi.
3. **ALL PEP Certified ODs** must file a report regarding the performance of each YAG capsulotomy and include, with detailed explanation, any adverse outcome as it pertains to the performance of such procedure. The definition of adverse outcome is as follows:
 - a. "Any complication during the 90-day postoperative period that results in permanent visual impairment or requiring surgery (such as retinal tear/detachment) with or without the presence of permanent visual impairment."
4. All primary eyecare procedures must be performed inside the office floorplan on file with the Board of Optometry office.

Example:

The balance of CE hours needed for PEP certified ODs, after having met the DEA (1) CPR (1), PEP (6), and Therapeutic (10) requirements, may be obtained in Practice Management or any other category (2), totaling 20.