

**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 Annual requirement.** Each licensed optometrist shall attend in each calendar year a minimum of 10 hours of continuing education courses. Satisfactory proof of compliance with this requirement is a prerequisite for renewal in each successive calendar year.

**Opt 9.03 Approved programs.** (1) 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.

(c) The sponsoring organization shall make a written record of the Wisconsin practitioners in attendance and send a copy of such attendance record to the secretary of the board before January 1 of the next year.

**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.

**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.