



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504
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FROM: Washington State Board of Optometry

SUBJECT: Uniform Licensing for Washington State Optometrists

In 2006, the Legislature passed a law requiring all Washington State licensed optometrists to reach the highest uniform level of licensure by January 1, 2011.

By January 1, 2011 all optometrist must meet the standard requirements, and meet the requirements to use or prescribe topically applied drugs (DPA and TPA), to use or prescribe oral drugs and for administration of injectable epinephrine.

To be endorsed to administer oral drugs and epinephrine by injection, the following is required:

- Sixteen hours of didactic instruction.
- Eight hours of supervised clinical instruction.
- Four hours of instruction on injectable epinephrine.

The following courses are being offered by the Optometric Physicians of Washington (OPW) and the Oregon Optometric Physicians Association (OOPA):

August 8, 2009: Eight hour supervised clinical instruction sponsored by OPW. Contact: opw@eyes.org

August 9, 2009: Four hour injection lab sponsored by OPW. Contact opw@eyes.org

August 10, 11, and 12, 2009: Twenty-three hour didactic course sponsored by OOPA. Contact oopaa@assomgt.com The 23 hour course meets the requirement for Washington State.

Bellingham Technical College - Four-hour Course for Emergency and Epinephrine Training for Optometrists. May 13, May 30, June 3, June 13, and June 26, 2009. Call: (360)752-8350.

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