

OREGON BOARD OF OPTOMETRY



Board Newsletter

August 2022

CE reporting in the portal

The portal has been updated and the three biennial CE requirement due dates now show on the CE course entry page. Near the top of the page are the due dates for: 1) law/ethics, 2) cultural competency and 3) pain management. **If you're not sure when you need to report any of those courses, please visit the CE entry page in the portal to find the due date.**

The ARBO data feed is working again into your CE section of the portal. Here's some things to note:

- 1) if you're going to use a COPE pain course to meet the pain management requirement, you'll need to edit the course and change the CE type from TMOD to Pain in order to meet the requirement. **DOUBLE** check the course completion dates of courses entered. If you enter an OBO course, it will autofeed the course completion date from our system, but you can override that.
- 2) The ARBO data feed is bringing AOA courses that are not COPE approved into the system. Check your CE record and delete those courses or zero out the hours. AOA offers some COPE approved CE courses and some that are not COPE approved. Oregon rules only allow OBO, COPE or AMA PRA Category 1 CE courses. AMA PRA Category 1 courses are limited to 5 hours per license renewal and must be in person, NOT virtual courses. Please enter the 5 digit—2 alpha COPE course numbers when you enter your own courses. We DO NOT need the event number—only the course number.
- 3) Short CE entry and how to find OBO course number videos have been loaded to the Board's website. They can be found in two in places: 1) On the homepage of the website under the licensee self-service portal link and 2) on the Education web page in the right hand column. They are both under 5 minutes and walk you through these two items.



OBO Office Hours

As of June 1, 2022, OBO's post-COVID office hours are:

Monday and Thursday 7:30 to 11:30 am

Staff are available at the office those days and times (unless it's a recognized holiday) but staff are also available by appointment at other dates and times. OBO staff are always available via phone and email as well.

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Gregory Kautz, OD joins OBO Board

Dr. Gregory Kautz was appointed as one of the four licensed optometrists to the Board as of June 10, 2022. Dr. Kautz currently practices at Eyecare Center of Salem and has been licensed since 1981. Dr. Kautz has been an active member of the Oregon Optometric Physicians Association since 1981 as well.

Prior to joining the OBO Board, Dr. Kautz regularly offered an online law/ethics course through Pacific University for Oregon licensees. Dr. Kautz is also an AAO fellow.

Welcome the Board Dr. Kautz! We all look forward to your contributions to the regulation of Oregon optometry.

HB 758 – Oregon Medical and Therapeutic Cannabis Act

This bill added optometrists to the list of acceptable healthcare providers who are allowed to prescribe marijuana for eye-related treatments and prescribe medical marijuana cards. There are several challenges for practical applications of CBD as an ocular therapeutic agent. Some of these challenges include poor bioavailability, difficulty in topical delivery, and short duration of action. Just as with all prescribed medications, this may only be prescribed to treat conditions that are in the scope of practice for optometry.

CPR Reporting

You're required to have on-going CPR certification. Board rules extend the CPR course expiration date to the last day of the expiration month. For example, if you've completed a course on November 11, 2021, the OBO expiration date will be November 31, 2023. If you want to check your current CPR expiration date, log into the portal and go to the [Qualifications section of the system](#). You'll see the expiration date there. If you need to update your CPR certification in the system, add the new information in the portal. You can add a copy of the CPR certification in the system. Remember that you can only use a Board approved provider and must take a BLS for healthcare providers course.

License renewal—take the time when renewing your license to review your CPR certification. If your certification isn't current, the Board won't print your license until your CPR certification is current. A CPR lapse fee will be due if you complete a new course after the lapse of your last certification. The fees are: \$75 for the first lapse in 7 years, \$100 for the second lapse in 7 years and \$200 for three or more lapses in 7 years.



Gregory Kautz, OD

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Board Meeting Call in Information

Email Optometry.board@obo.oregon.gov for a meeting invitation

The Board office is closed on meeting dates. Licensees are invited to attend public meetings when the Board meets in person



BOARD MEETING

Board Activities

As of August 9, 2022 the Board had the following licensee counts:

Active Licenses	863	Inactive Licenses	272
2022-23 new applications	9 (since 7/1/22)		
New licenses issued	28 (4/1/22—7/31/22)		

Discipline Cases for 4/1/2022—7/31/2022:

New complaints	6	Open cases at 7/31/22	7
Complaints resolved & closed	6		
Monitored cases	1		

Board Actions:

The Board discussed the following agenda items at their meeting:

- Reviewed the Board's financial statements.
- Reviewed CE courses approved since the last Board meeting.
- Reviewed proposed and noticed rule changes.
- Took action on the following Executive Session cases:
 - Closed case with discipline: **C2022-1253 Barthram/OBO**
 - Closed case with discipline: **C2022-1254 Davis/OBO**
 - Closed case with discipline: **C2021-125 Jordan/OBO** .

2022 & 2023 Board Meeting schedule:

- Friday November 18, 2022 at 12:30 pm
- Friday February 3, 2023 at 12:30 pm
- Friday May 5, 2023 at 12:30 pm
- Friday August 4, 2023 at 12:30 pm
- Friday November 3, 2023 at 12:30 PM

Board meetings are offered via MS Teams. Licensees can earn their 1 hour of law/ethics trainings by attending a public session meeting. Email optometry.board@obo.oregon.gov for a meeting invitation.

First Oregon Female OD

OBO received a call from Bill Burnett of Happy Valley that he had the license from what is believed to be the first female OD licensed in Oregon. Fay Martin was licensed in Oregon originally on October 24, 1910. Since Fay was a woman, she wasn't allowed to practice optometry.

Her license to practice was finally granted on September 10, 1923. Attached are pictures of Dr. Martin's license and the crystal or glass that she used to grind lenses. The Board doesn't have historical information to validate this story, but we now house Dr. Martin's license and grinding stone in our office.



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