

TN BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

Policy for Continuing Education in Controlled Substances

As part of the continuing education requirements to maintain licensure in the State of Tennessee, optometrists shall complete two (2) hours of continuing education in controlled substance prescribing pursuant to Rule 1045-02-.05(1)(a). Submissions for course approval must be submitted at least fourteen (14) days prior to a scheduled board meeting pursuant to Rule 1045-02-.06(3).

Courses will be initially approved by the Board, at a regularly scheduled meeting, to ensure course content meets the State requirements regarding controlled substance prescribing. The course then must be subsequently reviewed and approved by the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE). If the State's requirements, or the provider's course content changes, continuing education providers must resubmit the course for Board and COPE approval.

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