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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the American Optometric Association (AOA), American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) and World Council of Optometry, we're thrilled to welcome you to Optometry's Meeting® 2025!

This year, we will come together to recognize the boundless opportunities optometry holds and will celebrate our successes and bright future on a global stage. Optometry's Meeting, the 128th Annual AOA Congress and 57th Annual AOSA Conference, will gather doctors and leaders from across North America alongside international experts convening for the 5th World Congress of Optometry.

The ultimate convergence of optometry's expanding opportunities in the United States with new global perspectives, attendees can expect:

Resources and experiences to advance your practice

From thought-provoking presentations to interactive workshops, fill your schedules with cutting-edge innovations and international insights.

300+ hours of innovative education and professional development

Join your network and new colleagues with access to more than 300+ hours of contemporary and fresh continuing education that is designed to level up the care you are delivering and your practices.

International innovation and ideas

Stretching beyond the borders of North America, witness the powerful potential to strengthen the profession worldwide.

New faces, noteworthy networking

An unprecedented opportunity to collaborate with leading experts and connect with peers, all while enjoying renowned entertainment, impactful speakers and local staples.

Aisles of endless opportunities

Eye Care Square hosts activations across the floor from exhibitors presenting the latest and greatest. Plus, young professionals can launch their career or take it to the next level during exhibit hall events.

Map out your Minneapolis experience with this guide, sharing an inside look at everything we're working on to bring attendees the premier experience they've come to expect from Optometry's Meeting. Plus, follow along with Optometry's Meeting through Facebook and check the website for the latest updates.

From coast to coast and beyond, we can't wait to see you at Optometry's Meeting!



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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

All events are in Central Time. Dates and times are subject to change.

TUESDAY - JUNE 24

3-5 p.m.	Registration
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WEDNESDAY - JUNE 25

7 a.m.-7 p.m.	Registration
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8-9 a.m.	Industry Breakfast Symposia
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9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Continuing Education
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12-1 p.m.	Industry Lunch Symposia
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3-4 p.m.	World Council of Optometry Member Welcome Session
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5:30-7 p.m.	AOA Experience: Opening Session (<i>Doors open at 5:15 p.m.</i>)
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7-9 p.m.	Eye Care Square: Exhibit Hall Opening Reception
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THURSDAY - JUNE 26

6 a.m.-6 p.m.	Registration
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7 a.m.-8 p.m.	Continuing Education
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8-9 a.m.	Industry Breakfast Symposia
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8:30-11:30 a.m.	House of Delegates
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9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Eye Care Square: Exhibit Hall Hours
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9 a.m.-12 p.m.	World Council of Optometry President's Forum
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12-1 p.m.	AOA+ Leadership Link Lunch
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12-1 p.m.	Industry Lunch Symposia
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12-1 p.m.	Paraoptometric Appreciation Luncheon Celebration
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1-3 p.m.	Paraoptometric Idea Exchange
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5-7 p.m.	Alumni Receptions
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7-10 p.m.	World Council of Optometry Awards and Appreciation Celebration
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7:30-10 p.m.	AOSA Optometry Student Bowl™ XXXIV, powered by EssilorLuxottica (<i>EssilorLuxottica Live! student after-party to follow</i>)
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9 p.m.-12 a.m.	Eye Docs of Rock
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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

All events are in Central Time. Dates and times are subject to change.

FRIDAY - JUNE 27

6 a.m.-5p.m.	Registration
7 a.m.-6 p.m.	Continuing Education
8-9 a.m.	Industry Breakfast Symposia
8:30-11:30 a.m.	House of Delegates
9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Residency Forum + Panel
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Eye Care Square: Exhibit Hall Hours FINAL DAY TO VISIT EXHIBITORS!
12-1 p.m.	Industry Lunch Symposia
1-3 p.m.	AOA+ Residency Summit (Located in the Exhibit Hall)
1-3 p.m.	Career Fair (Located in the Exhibit Hall)
1-5 p.m.	World Council of Optometry & ASCO Educators' Forum & Accreditation Panel
4-5:30 p.m.	National Optometry Hall of Fame & AOA Awards Reception
7-10 p.m.	Celebration of Optometry: Closing Party (Doors open at 7 p.m.)

SATURDAY - JUNE 28

6-8 a.m.	The AOA Foundation 5K (Ticketed Event)
6 a.m.-1 p.m.	Registration
8-9 a.m.	Industry Breakfast Symposia
8 a.m.-3 p.m.	Continuing Education
8:30-11:30 a.m.	House of Delegates
12-1 p.m.	Industry Lunch Symposia





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The AOA would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of the Education Center Committee, Industry Relations Committee, Meetings & Member Experiences Committee, and AOA-WCO Congress Committee for their support in the development of the Optometry's Meeting 2025 program.

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REGISTRATION

Registration will open January 2025! If you have any questions, please check out our [FAQs page](#) or email optometrymeeting@aoa.org. To get early access to registration, workshops and exclusive events, make sure to sign up here or visit optometrymeeting.org/about/registration. Attendees of the 5th World Congress should visit optometrymeeting.org/about/wco/5th-world-congress-of-optometry.

AOA/AOSA MEMBER REGISTRATION | WCO PROMOTIONAL CODE ATTENDEES

Includes access to continuing education, Eye Care Square: Exhibit Hall and all events, unless otherwise noted.

REGISTRATION TYPE	EARLY BIRD Jan-Mar 31	ADVANCED Apr 1-Jun 2	ON-SITE Jun 3-Jun 28
FULL CONFERENCE			
Student/Future Optometrist	\$60	\$75	\$115
Resident/Post-Graduate	\$99	\$115	\$130
Paraoptometric/Optometric Staff	\$200	\$200	\$210
Life Member	\$200	\$225	\$250
Association Executive	\$210	\$230	\$250
Optometric Educator	\$415	\$470	\$530
Optometrist	\$565	\$620	\$680
ONE-DAY			
Paraoptometric/Optometric Staff One-Day Pass: Wednesday, Thursday or Friday	\$110	\$110	\$120
Optometrist One-Day Pass: Wednesday, Thursday or Friday	\$360	\$420	\$480
CE SAT ONLY			
Paraoptometric/Optometric Staff: CE Saturday ONLY	\$35	\$35	\$45
Optometrist: CE Saturday ONLY	\$175	\$175	\$235
HOD OPTION			
House of Delegates Member Access Only (No Opening Reception, No CE, No Celebration)	\$0	\$0	\$0



REGISTRATION

NONMEMBER REGISTRATION

Includes access to continuing education, Eye Care Square Exhibit Hall and all events, unless otherwise noted.

REGISTRATION TYPE	EARLY BIRD Jan-Mar 31	ADVANCED Apr 1-Jun 2	ON-SITE Jun 3-Jun 28
Student/Future Optometrist	\$164	\$186	\$219
Resident/Post-Graduate	\$260	\$275	\$300
Paraoptometric/Optometric Staff	\$250	\$275	\$300
Paraoptometric/Optometric Staff One-Day Pass: Wednesday, Thursday or Friday	\$175	\$200	\$225
Paraoptometric/Optometric Staff CE Saturday ONLY	\$65	\$65	\$75
Optometric Educator	\$715	\$770	\$830
Optometrist	\$1,000	\$1,100	\$1,200
Optometrist One-Day Pass: Wednesday, Thursday or Friday	\$600	\$650	\$700
Optometrist: CE Saturday ONLY	\$175	\$200	\$235

GUEST REGISTRATION

*NO CE: Includes access to hall/hall breaks and special events, when noted.
Guest Pass is only available with a valid conference badge.*

REGISTRATION TYPE	EARLY BIRD Jan-Mar 31	ADVANCED Apr 1-Jun 2	ON-SITE Jun 3-Jun 28
Exhibits & Events: Adult Guest	\$250	\$275	\$300
Exhibits & Events: Child 11-18 years	\$65	\$65	\$75
Exhibits & Events: Child 4-10 years	\$35	\$35	\$45
Exhibits & Events: Child 0-3 years	\$0	\$0	\$0
Celebration Ticket Only (Only needed if a full guest pass isn't purchased—no access to Opening Reception or Exhibit Hall)	\$150	\$175	\$200
Celebration Ticket Only (EXHIBITORS)	\$200	\$225	\$250
3-Day Exhibit Hall Only Pass—Does not qualify for CE, includes Opening Reception and Breaks (Non-Exhibitors)	\$100	\$125	\$150
1-Day Exhibit Hall Pass—Friday Only	-	-	\$50

MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA:

Please contact Yakesha Cooper at ycooper@aoa.org for information on securing a press pass.

REGISTRATION

WAYS TO SAVE

REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS

- **Register early:** Early bird pricing goes from Jan-Mar 31.
- **Paraoptometrics:** Is a doctor at your practice a member of the AOA? Then you also may qualify for the member pricing! To learn more, please contact memberservices@aoa.org.
- **Active military registrants:** Eligible for a \$150 discount on a full conference registration fee. Please email optometrymeeting@aoa.org for your code.
- **Become an AOA member:** Visit aoa.org/ssj/join or email memberservices@aoa.org for more information. Should you become a member after you register, we are happy to honor the member pricing!

FOOD

- **Wednesday:** Kick off Optometry's Meeting with industry-sponsored breakfast and lunch! In the evening, join us for the Eye Care Square Exhibit Hall Opening Reception for a lively start to the week.
- **Thursday:** Start your day with industry-sponsored breakfast and lunch options! Paraoptometrics, don't miss the Paraoptometric Appreciation Luncheon, and students, join us at the AOA+ Leadership Links lunch (sign-up required). Enjoy beverages and snacks throughout the day in the Eye Care Square Exhibit Hall and celebrate in the evening at your alma mater's alumni reception or the AOSA Optometry Student Bowl.
- **Friday:** Enjoy another round of industry-sponsored breakfast or lunch, with light snacks and beverages in the Eye Care Square Exhibit Hall throughout the day. In the evening, savor the flavors of Minneapolis at the Celebration of Optometry: Closing Party.
- **Saturday:** Last chance to join an industry breakfast and lunch, plus our final AOA+ Leadership Link session (sign-up required).
- **Daily coffee breaks and water stations** are available throughout the convention center and in the Eye Care Square Exhibit Hall.

If you have any questions, please check out our FAQs page or email optometrymeeting@aoa.org.



HOTEL & TRAVEL



HOTEL

Book your lodging in the Optometry's Meeting official hotel block by booking directly through the conference housing site. Attendee housing will open in January with registration.

The hotels in the Optometry's Meeting room block offer a variety of amenities to suit the travel preferences of all guests and are within walking distance of the convention center. The official Optometry's Meeting housing bureau is OnPeak. **Attendees will need to book hotel reservations by May 21, 2025, (for most properties) to receive Optometry's Meeting discounted rates.**

Avoid scam sites or housing pirates: When you book online through Optometry's Meeting's housing bureau you avoid potential scams. Companies that phone, fax or email attendees and exhibitors claiming to offer good deals on hotel rooms are commonly referred to as "housing pirates" or "housing bandits." They may falsely claim to be affiliated with Optometry's Meeting or the AOA. If you provide your credit card information to one of these companies, your card may be charged, and you might not have a hotel room when you arrive in Minneapolis. Ensure the vendor you are working with is OnPeak. If you are unsure or would like to report a housing pirate, please contact optometrismeeting@aoa.org.

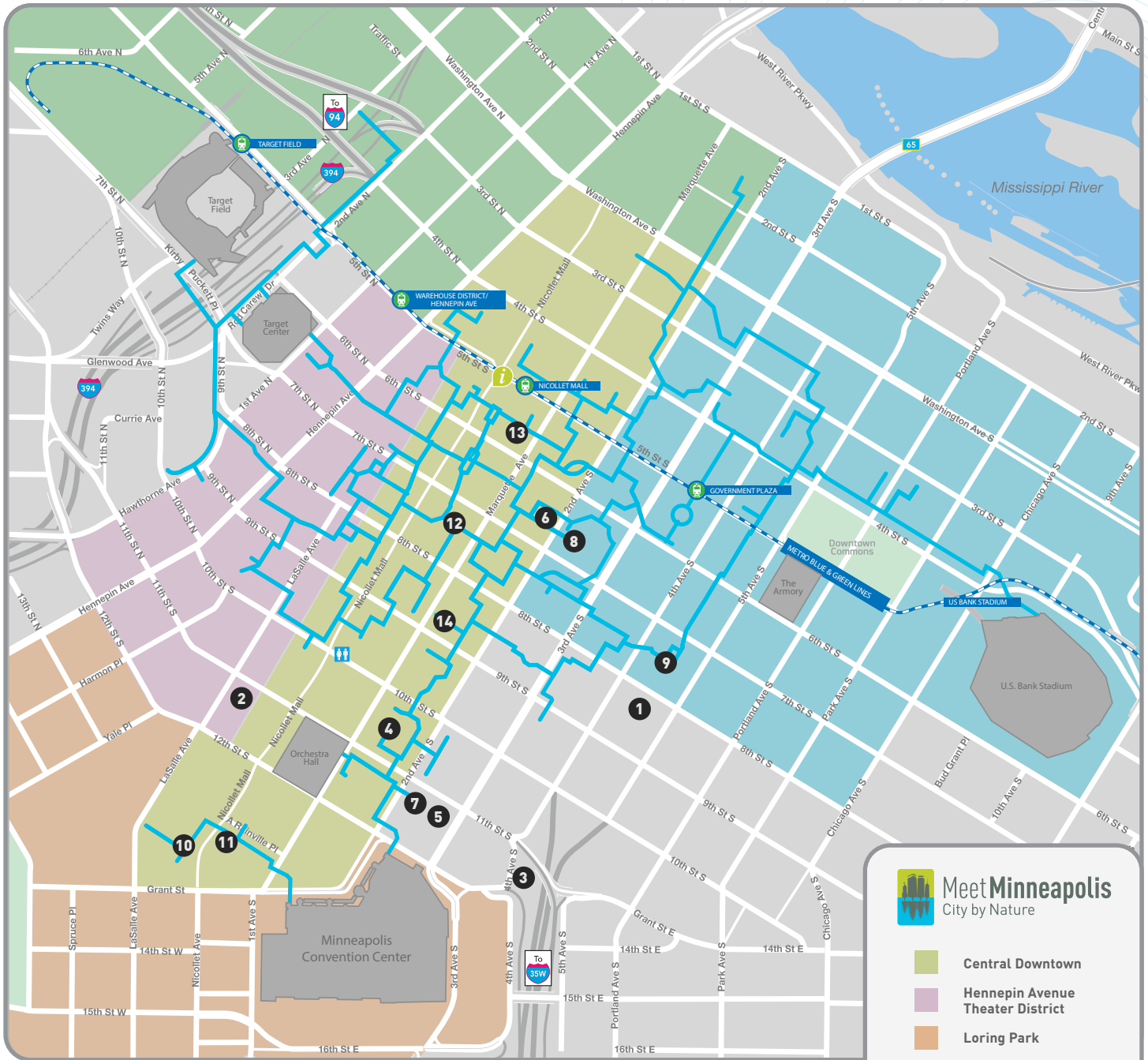
GOVERNMENT RATES

Optometry's Meeting has secured a limited number of government-rated rooms. If you believe you qualify for a government rate, please email optometrismeeting@aoa.org for more information.

TRAVEL

Are you REAL ID ready? If you're planning on flying to Minneapolis for Optometry's Meeting, please note that all U.S. travelers must be REAL ID compliant to board domestic flights on and after May 7, 2025. Learn more about REAL ID at dhs.gov/real-id.

HOTEL & TRAVEL



HOTELS

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| 1 Best Western Plus Normandy | 8 Hyatt Centric |
| 2 DoubleTree Suites Minneapolis | 9 Hyatt Place |
| 3 Hilton Garden Inn | 10 Hyatt Regency |
| 4 Hilton Minneapolis | 11 Sheraton (aka Millennium) |
| 5 Holiday Inn Express | 12 The Marquette Hotel |
| 6 Hotel Indigo | 13 The Westin Minneapolis |
| 7 Hotel Ivy | 14 W Minneapolis - The Foshay |

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- Central Downtown
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- Warehouse North Loop
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"The WCO's commitment to fostering global collaboration and empowering practitioners worldwide is unmatched. I am proud to be part of this community, And I encourage others to join WCO in advancing and safeguarding the future of optometry for all."

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SPECIAL EVENTS AT OPTOMETRY'S MEETING

Cutting-Edge Education & Workshops

Education sessions kick off at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25, and wrap up at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 28.

Optometry's Meeting offers over 200 continuing education (CE) and professional development courses, totaling more than 300 credit hours, including CEE/TQ, AOA CE, CPC, CPD, and COPE credits for doctors, paraoptometric staff, and students. Topics cover a wide range—from advanced surgical and laser techniques to systemic diseases, functional vision, billing and coding, and much more. For details, visit the education section on pages 23-27.



AOA Experience: Opening Session

Wednesday, June 25 | 5:30-7 p.m.

MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER

Kick off Optometry's Meeting in style at the AOA Experience from 5:30-7 p.m.! Hear from AOA, AOSA and WCO leadership and be inspired by optometry's visionaries who are innovating and upholding the profession and patient care.

Then, from 7-9 p.m., join us for the Eye Care Square Exhibit Hall Opening Reception. Connect with colleagues, make new connections and enjoy a taste of Minneapolis. This event is open to all fully registered attendees and guests—just bring your badge to join in!

Eye Care Square Exhibit Hall Opening Reception

Wednesday, June 25 | 7-9 p.m.

MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER

After the AOA Experience, join us from 7-9 p.m. for the Eye Care Square Exhibit Hall Opening Reception! Connect with colleagues and new friends while enjoying a bit of Minneapolis-inspired fun before heading out to take in the city's sights and sounds.

This year, the Exhibit Hall will be open from Wednesday, June 25, to Friday, June 27. For details on exhibitors and hours, check pages 21-22. A badge is required for the opening reception, where light appetizers and drinks will be provided.



World Council of Optometry Member Welcome Session

Wednesday, June 25 | 3-4 p.m.

The World Council of Optometry Member Welcome Session will bring together WCO members from around the globe to kick off our exciting congress. WCO President Sandra Block, O.D., will take the stage to share an inspiring vision for the future, discuss ongoing initiatives and the innovative projects on the horizon and also highlight the vital role each member plays in driving WCO's mission forward. All WCO members are invited. All AOA members are included as WCO members.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT OPTOMETRY'S MEETING

House of Delegates

**Thursday, June 26, Friday, June 27
and Saturday, June 28 | 8:30-11:30 a.m.**

MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER

For over a century, optometry's premier gathering of leaders and decision-makers has driven the advancement of our profession. Join us as the House of Delegates dives into the latest developments in optometry, crucial governance updates, and news from the AOA Board of Trustees, along with award presentations.



All members are invited to attend each session, including the election and installation of the AOA Board of Trustees. Stay informed on advocacy achievements, celebrate award winners from the AOA, AOSA and the Hall of Fame, and gain insights into the future of optometry from your AOA leaders.

World Council of Optometry In-Person Poster Session

Thursday, June 26 and Friday, June 27

The Congress will display posters with the most relevant research, educational and clinical experiences drawn from all six WCO geographic regions. Come out and meet with the authors to learn more and network with colleagues!

World Council of Optometry Presidents' Forum

Thursday, June 26 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Hosted by WCO President Sandra Block, O.D., USA, and President-Elect Dr. Cindy Tromans, UK, the Presidents' Forum provides a platform where the highest level of decision-makers and key partners including industry leaders of our profession come together to discuss the future of optometry. This year's theme will be focusing on the challenges of accessibility for our most vulnerable populations. By invitation only.



SPECIAL EVENTS AT OPTOMETRY'S MEETING

PARAOPTOMETRIC EVENTS AND PROGRAMMING

Paraoptometric Appreciation Luncheon Celebration

Thursday, June 26 | 12-1 p.m.

Join us for this annual celebration honoring AOA associate-member paraoptometric staff for their remarkable contributions to the profession. Open to all paraoptometric staff, the luncheon features an inspiring awards ceremony.

This event is complimentary, but registration is required as space is limited. Be sure to sign up early to reserve your spot!

Paraoptometric Idea Exchange

Thursday, June 26 | 1-3 p.m.

Join us for an open forum where you and your paraoptometric peers can connect and discuss both the challenges and opportunities facing optometric staff. This is a great chance to network and exchange insights on local issues, educational resources, and strategies to expand AOA associate membership.

This event is complimentary, but registration is required as space is limited. Be sure to sign up early to reserve your spot!

Paraoptometric Continuing Education

Optometry's Meeting offers paraoptometric staff the chance to earn up to **36 credits**. The AOA is dedicated to supporting paraoptometric development and enhancing the essential skills they bring to optometry practices. All paraoptometric courses at Optometry's Meeting are approved by the Commission on Paraoptometric Certification and the AOA.

Alumni Receptions

Thursday, June 26 | 5-7 p.m.

HILTON MINNEAPOLIS HOTEL

An Optometry's Meeting tradition! Join us to reconnect with former classmates, make new friends, and celebrate your alma mater. On Thursday, show your school pride by wearing your colors or gear throughout the day at Optometry's Meeting!

World Council of Optometry Awards Celebration

Thursday, June 26 | 7 p.m.

The World Council of Optometry Awards and Appreciation Celebration is always a highlight of its Congress, honoring outstanding achievements and contributions of our optometric colleagues. This invitation-only event provides an opportunity for WCO volunteers, awardees and other stakeholders to celebrate exceptional individuals and organizations that have made a significant impact in our profession and to the WCO. The event, held at all WCO congresses, is always a memorable experience, combining celebration with networking and acknowledging those whose dedication and passion drive our profession forward.



SPECIAL EVENTS AT OPTOMETRY'S MEETING

AOSA Optometry Student Bowl™ XXXIV

Powered by: **EssilorLuxottica**

Thursday, June 26 | 7:30-10 p.m.

EssilorLuxottica Live! After-party to follow

OFF-SITE LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED!

Get ready for some fierce competition as college rivalries ignite in the 34th AOSA Optometry Student Bowl™! Optometry schools go head-to-head in this high-energy showdown, with champions from each school battling to prove who's the smartest, loudest and most creative. Gather your friends and cheer on your school in this high-speed, high-stakes test of optometric knowledge!



World Council of Optometry Educators Forum + Accreditation Panel

Friday, June 27 | 1-5 p.m.

Educators' Forum: This will focus on the recently released WCO Competency Framework for Optometry. This document highlights the competencies required for optometry to participate most effectively in the international eye care agenda. It will include a discussion on how university optometry programs can adapt their curriculums to achieve the desired outcomes and what will motivate them to do so.

Accreditation Panel: With the large variation in optometric scope of practice and education around the world, representatives from National Accreditation Councils around the globe will convene to discuss challenges and best practices. Although accreditation procedures and standards vary from country to country, the goal is to present best practices for education institutions to self-evaluate in the absence of independent, formal accreditation processes.



SPECIAL EVENTS AT OPTOMETRY'S MEETING

National Optometry Hall of Fame Induction & AOA Advocacy Awards

Reception

Friday, June 27 | 4-5:30 p.m.

Come celebrate and congratulate your colleagues during the National Optometry Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. During the event, we will honor the 2025 National Optometry Hall of Fame inductees, the Dr. W. David Sullins, Jr. InfantSEE® Award recipient, Dr. Jerry P. Davidoff Vision Care Award recipient and our AOA Advocacy Awards recipients.



Celebration of Optometry

Friday, June 27 | 7-10 p.m.

ORCHESTRA HALL AND PEAVEY PLAZA

Join your colleagues and new connections for an unforgettable evening under the stars, dancing to Prince-inspired hits! Let's Go Crazy (for eyes!) with AOA and AOSA at a lively celebration in the heart of Minneapolis. Don your favorite purple to Party Like It's 1999 and celebrate another incredible Optometry's Meeting.

This ticketed event runs from 7-10 p.m. for a small fee to help with attendance, and a badge is required for entry. Food and beverages will be provided. Don't miss this night of music, fun and connection!

WELL-BEING ACTIVITIES

Optometry's Meeting will have dedicated activities and spaces that focus on well-being and YOU!

The AOA Foundation 5K

Saturday, June 28 | 6 a.m.

Downtown Minneapolis

Join us for a 3.1-mile run through downtown Minneapolis on Saturday, June 28, in support of The AOA Foundation. Your entry fee of \$40 guarantees a performance-blend T-shirt and medal. Awards will be presented to top age-division finishers and overall winners. Packet pickup will take place on-site at Optometry's Meeting.

If you would rather "Count Sheep, Instead of Steps," consider our "Sleep In" option. With a donation of \$40 or more to the foundation, you will receive a race T-shirt and sleep mask with the race packet swag!

Sign up for the 5K or sleep-in option when you register for Optometry's Meeting.



Wellness Innovation Park

In the Convention Center and Eye Care Square Exhibit Hall you'll find a space to decompress, unwind and refresh!



THE AOA FOUNDATION

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**Optometry's Fund for Disaster Relief -
Supporting doctors of optometry and
patient access in times of need.**

You Count on Us. We Count on You!

Optometry's Fund for Disaster Relief (OFDR), a critical AOA Foundation program, provides immediate assistance for doctors and students impacted by disasters.

OFDR has assisted more than 200 doctors of optometry in 2024 - but we need your help to continue.

Your support will ensure OFDR can provide immediate assistance to doctors of optometry in times of need.

We are counting on you!

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EYE CARE SQUARE



Eye Care Square is more than an exhibit hall—it is an immersive experience where learning, networking and exploring the latest industry trends come together to create opportunities for you to implement into your practice. With an exhibit hall filled with more than 150 exhibitors offering today's latest products and solutions, there's no better place to take the pulse of the industry than at Optometry's Meeting.

EXHIBIT HALL SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

Exhibit Hall Opening Reception: 7-9 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

Exhibit Hall Hours: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Unopposed Break: 12-2 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

Exhibit Hall Hours: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Unopposed Break: 12-1 p.m.

Unopposed Break: 3-4 p.m.

Learn & Network

You don't want to miss what we have in store for you! Visit the **Education Theater** or the **EYETalks Stage** to catch and earn CE during a hot-topic discussion or learn about cutting-edge products during an industry session.

Industry Symposia

Looking for a head start when it comes to learning about innovation in the profession and the products moving it forward?

Attend one of the 15+ symposia held during Optometry's Meeting, where you'll hear from key industry leaders about the biggest advancements in optometry. These sessions are promotional and not for CE hours. The symposia will offer breakfast or lunch to doctors and optometric staff. Students will be allowed to attend on a space-available basis.

These sessions are first come, first served with no registration required; so be sure to arrive in advance so you don't miss an opportunity to attend these valuable sessions! [Click here](#) for updates on the 2025 symposium schedule including room assignments, industry sponsors, and program descriptions.

EYE CARE SQUARE

EXHIBIT HALL EVENTS

- Don't miss the Eye Care Square: Exhibit Hall Opening Reception on **Wednesday, June 25, at 7 p.m.** We will kick off the official hall opening with entertainment, giveaways, along with drinks and light appetizers.
- **Thursday and Friday**, snacks and beverages will be available in the hall during unopposed times.
- On **Thursday, June 26, from 1-2:30 p.m.**, stop by the Eye Care Square to network and connect with fellow participants from your affiliate state to learn more about how you can become involved on a local level.

AOA+ RESIDENCY SUMMIT & CAREER FAIR

Are you interested in learning more about residencies and what is the right fit for you? Want to connect with leaders and organizations about career opportunities and additional paths to consider in the optometry industry? The AOA+ Residency Summit & Career Fair delivers all the opportunities to visit with residency directors as well as meet with employers and organizations to learn about countless career opportunities that exist! **Join us on Friday, June 27, from 1-3 p.m., for the AOA+ Residency Summit and Career Fair.**



Download Optometry's Meeting Mobile App & Player App Explorer

Throughout your time at Optometry's Meeting, make sure to download the mobile app! It will be your go-to guide while in Minneapolis. You will be able to add sessions to your agenda, complete surveys and play EyeExplorer!

When you play EyeExplorer, you will have the opportunity to win AOA swag and prizes. Simply download the app, answer any questions and complete stops; each task completed will help earn you points, bringing you closer to being entered into the grand prize drawing! The mobile app will be available to download in early June.

Interested in sponsorship or exhibiting?

Please contact mbeck@aoa.org or exhibits@aoa.org for more information.

EDUCATION FOR YOU

In addition to COPE credit, AOA CE Hours, and/or CPC credit, many lectures will also be approved for UK CPD points. Lectures approved for CPD points will be indicated on the program.

4 DAYS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Get ready to elevate your practice at Optometry's Meeting! This annual conference is your gateway to cutting-edge education designed to empower you at the forefront of your profession.

Dive into an exciting lineup of sessions that will not only enhance your skills but also transform patient outcomes and strengthen community health. Our education track focuses on seamless, integrated care, ensuring that you're equipped with the latest knowledge and techniques.

Doctors, paraoptometric professionals, and students will have the chance to engage in immersive, hands-on learning experiences. Explore the most current practices, innovative procedures, and clinically proven techniques—from advanced surgical and laser methods to precision suturing strategies.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn and grow with your peers in an inspiring environment. Join us and take your career to the next level!

300+ HOURS

Maximize your professional development at this year's Optometry's Meeting, **where doctors of optometry can earn up to 36 impressive credits and paraoptometrics can achieve an equally substantial 36 credits!**

With over 300 hours of engaging content delivered by a lineup of exceptional speakers and presenters, you'll gain access to unparalleled insights and innovative knowledge that you won't find anywhere else. Our unique, integrated sessions break down barriers, fostering collaboration and a shared educational experience between optometrists and paraoptometrics alike.

Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to elevate your skills and transform your practice. Join us for a transformative journey of learning, connection and innovation!

200+ COURSES

Prepare for an unparalleled educational experience at this year's Optometry's Meeting, featuring over 200 dynamic courses tailored to elevate your expertise and enhance patient care.

Immerse yourself in a diverse array of sessions covering the latest advancements, techniques and best practices in the field. Whether you're a seasoned doctor or a paraoptometric professional, there's something for everyone to expand your knowledge and skills.

Join us for hands-on workshops, engaging lectures and interactive discussions that will empower you to implement innovative solutions in your practice. Don't miss this chance to connect with industry leaders, network with peers and discover cutting-edge resources that will redefine your approach to optometry.

Seize this opportunity to advance your career and make a lasting impact in your community. Join us at Optometry's Meeting—where knowledge meets opportunity!

1 AND ONLY OFFICIAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR BOTH THE OPTOMETRY INDUSTRY AND STUDENTS!

Unleash your inner optometry enthusiast! In an electrifying move back in 2003, the AOA and AOSA joined forces, birthing the unrivaled event known as Optometry's Meeting. This dynamic fusion has paved the way for a truly exceptional optometry event, meticulously crafted by doctors of optometry, paraoptometrics and future optometry leaders, all with one purpose: to create the ultimate experience just for YOU!





INTRODUCING THE EYE

AOA doctors of optometry partnered with a prototype designer to create a conceptual tech product that draws parallels to our visual system. Using The Eye as an educational tool, we're highlighting that even the most advanced tech can't match the sophistication of the human eye, underscoring the need for annual, in-person comprehensive eye exams to maintain eye health.

Check it out at [SeeTheEye.com](https://www.seeTheEye.com)

And this is just the beginning of The Eye.

We're going to continue to build on this year's momentum in 2025



Want more Eye Deserve More content and learn about ways you can get involved?

Do you have a powerful patient story around the positive impact of receiving expert eye health and vision care at your practice?

Join the AOA and AOSA at Optometry's Meeting and support Eye Deserve More onsite.

CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS & OVERVIEW

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Wednesday, June 25	7	7
Thursday, June 26	12	12
Friday, June 27	10	10
Saturday, June 28	7	7

CEE/TQ EDUCATION

The AOA is pleased to offer 22 hours of Continuing Education Examination/Transcript Quality (CEE/TQ) credit at this year's Optometry's Meeting. If applicable, remember to scan the QR code available at the end of your CEE/TQ course to register for the examination component. Attendees must request the course examination through the QR code process. The CEE/TQ exam must be completed within the testing window in order to be claimed.

DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY AND PARAOPTOMETRIC INTEGRATED EDUCATION

Unlock a wealth of knowledge with an incredible **79 hours of credits** in our seamlessly integrated learning environment. Here, doctors of optometry and paraoptometrics come together to explore topics that profoundly influence patient care coordination.

Dive into cutting-edge advancements in technology, including AI in eye care and innovative surgical techniques. Enhance your clinical skills with hands-on workshops covering intense pulsed light (IPL) and radio frequency (RF) applications, as well as vital updates on managing common conditions such as glaucoma and macular degeneration.

Expand your expertise in practice management, from coding and billing intricacies to effective patient education strategies that foster trust and engagement. We also address crucial public health issues, ensuring you are equipped to navigate the impact of screen time on childhood development and promote accessibility in your practice.

Experience the power of collaborative learning, where shared insights elevate the harmony of care within your practice. Join us for this unique, team-driven educational experience and take your professional journey to the next level!



CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS & OVERVIEW

EDUCATION THEATER HOURS EXPAND

Get ready for an exhilarating lineup of 12 incredible course offerings this year! With a diverse range of topics, there's something for everyone. Immerse yourself in the dynamic atmosphere of the hall and enhance your knowledge while connecting with fellow professionals. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity—join us and be part of the excitement!

WORKSHOPS AND HANDS-ON LEARNING

In today's rapidly evolving field, it's essential to enhance your contemporary optometric skills. Join us for an exciting array of hands-on workshops open to doctors, students and paraoptometricists alike. These sessions are designed to propel you into the future, featuring innovative topics that range from real-life practical scenarios to the intricacies of laser and surgical procedures. Discover the perfect interactive workshop to sharpen your skills and stay at the forefront of the dynamic evolution in optometry. Don't miss this opportunity to invest in your professional growth!

PARAOPTOMETRIC CONTINUING EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The AOA is on an unwavering mission to empower and elevate paraoptometricists, recognizing the indispensable role they play in boosting the field of optometry. At Optometry's Meeting, we're proud to present accredited paraoptometric courses, authorized by the Commission on Paraoptometric Certification and eligible for AOA CE hours.

Dive into a thrilling selection of topics that encompass billing and coding mastery, the art of top-tier customer service and seamless patient intake, the intricacies of surgical assistance in office-based procedures, the realm of systemic diseases, and a specialized paraoptometric laser workshop! These courses provide the knowledge and skills to elevate your expertise, answer your career questions, and guide you toward new professional heights in optometry!

OPTOMETRIC SURGICAL ASSISTING-A PARAOPTOMETRIC MICRO-CREDENTIAL

Paraoptometricists are the dynamic backbone of optometric physicians, boasting education, training and certifications that make them invaluable partners during office-based surgical procedures. Dive into a four-hour workshop, the practical heart of this micro-credential, but also an immersive, hands-on journey in mastering the art of assisting during office-based surgical procedures.

Whether you're aiming for the full micro-credential or simply crave these practical skills, this workshop is your gateway to excellence. If you're ready to conquer the full micro-credential, the lecture-based content awaits you on EyeLearn. Get ready to take your optometric prowess to new heights!



CE SCHEDULE & HIGHLIGHTS

Get ready to embark on an exhilarating journey through the world of optometry at our immersive meeting! We've curated an electrifying lineup of courses spanning the entire optometric spectrum, from essential foundations to groundbreaking innovations. Brace yourself for an action-packed overview of the captivating content awaiting you.



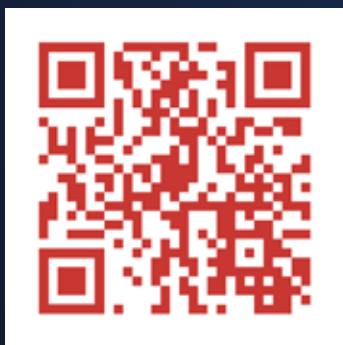
CE SCHEDULE

View the most up-to-date CE schedule [here](#) and start planning your time at Optometry's Meeting!

- **Visual Field Mastery:** Dive deep into visual field interpretation and defect localization through case-based approaches.
 - **AI in Eye Care:** Discover how artificial intelligence is transforming cataract surgery and overall eye care practices.
 - **Retinal Disease Innovations:** Learn to implement cutting-edge tools in retinal disease management in our hands-on technology workshop.
 - **Anterior Segment Laser Lab:** Get hands-on experience with anterior segment laser procedures, crucial for modern optometric practices.
 - **Diagnosing Swollen Optic Nerves:** Master the management of challenging cases such as swollen optic nerve diagnosis with practical insights.
 - **Understanding Glaucoma:** Explore acute glaucoma diagnosis, differential treatments and new clinical guidelines for glaucoma care.
 - **OCT Masterclass:** Gain advanced skills in anterior segment OCT applications, perfect for improving your diagnostic capabilities.
 - **Navigating Pediatric Eye Care:** Explore amblyopia treatments and how screen time affects childhood development.
 - **Comprehensive Diabetic Eye Care:** Learn about the latest advances in managing diabetic eye conditions and comprehensive ocular assessment.
 - **Coding for Optometry:** Navigate the complexities of coding and reimbursement, and learn how to audit your practice successfully.
 - **Handling Emergencies:** Sharpen your skills for managing non-ocular emergencies in the office environment.
 - **Migraine and Eye Health:** Go beyond eye exams and learn how to manage migraines in your patients as part of comprehensive eye care.
 - **Co-Managing Surgery:** Understand the collaborative roles between optometrists and surgeons in managing ocular surgeries.
 - **Neurology Meets Optometry:** Explore how optometrists can help manage systemic conditions such as seizures and strokes that affect vision.
 - **Myopia Management A-Z:** Dive into the latest strategies for managing myopia from diagnosis to treatment.
 - **Harnessing Technology for Low Vision:** Learn about the latest tools and strategies for enhancing the lives of visually impaired patients.
 - **Advanced Contact Lens Techniques:** Master scleral lens fitting and troubleshoot complications in this practical workshop.
 - **Surgical Assistance for Paraoptometrics:** Develop your surgical assisting skills in this hands-on workshop designed specifically for paraoptometrics.
 - **Building Patient Loyalty:** Understand how great customer service and patient advocacy can transform your practice's success.
 - **Optic Nerve Imaging:** Explore distinctive imaging features in neuro-eye disease and learn to spot rare pathologies.
 - **Incorporating Audiology into Eye Care:** Discover the benefits of integrating audiology into your practice for a holistic patient care approach.
 - **Systemic Diseases and Ocular Health:** Learn how systemic conditions such as diabetes and autoimmune disorders impact eye health.
 - **Laser Workshops:** Participate in an intensive laser workshop that covers the fundamentals and advanced techniques of laser therapy.
 - **Mental Health and Optometry:** Explore the link between mental health and dry eye, and learn how to support your patients' overall well-being.
- This diverse and comprehensive selection ensures you will leave equipped with the latest knowledge and skills, ready to take your practice to the next level!

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AOSA/STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

The AOSA empowers students to thrive as future doctors of optometry by providing education, career opportunities and endless networking at Optometry's Meeting—the ONLY official national conference specifically for optometry students! The AOSA represents approximately 7,000 students attending the 26 schools and colleges of optometry throughout the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico. The AOSA works to ensure optometry students gain the knowledge needed to thrive in this great profession.

Wednesday, June 25

- AOA Experience: Opening Session
- Eye Care Square: Exhibit Hall Opening Reception
-  *Sunglass Sale to benefit The AOA Foundation*

Thursday, June 26

- InfantSEE® Workshops, 8-11 a.m.
- Continuing Education
- EssilorLuxottica Student Session
- AOA+ Leadership Links (Pre-registration required, limited capacity)
- Affiliate Connections
-  *Sunglass Sale to benefit The AOA Foundation*
- Alumni Receptions
- AOSA Optometry Student Bowl™ XXXIV
- EssilorLuxottica Live! After-party

Friday, June 27

- Continuing Education
- Residency Forum & Panel
- Student Lunch (A student badge is required)
-  *Sunglass Sale to benefit The AOA Foundation*
- AOA+ Residency Summit
- Career Fair
- Celebration of Optometry

Saturday, June 28

- AOA Foundation 5K
- Continuing Education



AOSA/STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

AOSA Lounge

Wednesday, June 25 to Friday, June 27

Are you an AOSA member? Stop by the AOSA Lounge in the exhibit hall to learn more about AOA and AOSA membership and resources, claim some swag, charge your devices and connect with colleagues.

AOA+ Leadership Link

Thursday, June 26 | 12-1 p.m.
Lunch provided

Leadership Link is a networking program designed to help students and new doctors make the transition from optometry student or recent graduate into their role as a doctor of optometry. This is an exclusive opportunity to network with some of the profession's leaders from across the country. Students and doctors will be grouped at tables and provided topics to discuss throughout the one-hour networking session. Space is limited, so be sure to register and save your spot!

EssilorLuxottica Live! and Student Education

Attend the EssilorLuxottica education on **Thursday, June 26, at 10 a.m.**, to receive your wristband into EssilorLuxottica Live!, a student-only after-party following the AOSA Optometry Student Bowl™ you won't want to miss!



Residency Forum, Career Fair, and AOA+ Residency Summit

Friday, June 27

9 a.m.-12 p.m. | Residency Forum + Panel

1-3 p.m. | Career Fair and AOA+ Residency Summit

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AOSA Optometry Student Bowl™ XXXIV

Thursday, June 26 | 7:30-10 p.m.

Colleges of optometry from the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico compete to be the smartest, loudest and most creative. The high-speed, high-stakes test of optometric knowledge pits one champion from each school against all others, poised to buzz in with the right answer and bring home \$1,000 and the coveted crystal trophy. The equally celebrated Spirit Award honors the school with the most energy, best costumes and flashiest entrance. Get your friends, bring your faculty and cheer on your school to bring home the winner!



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