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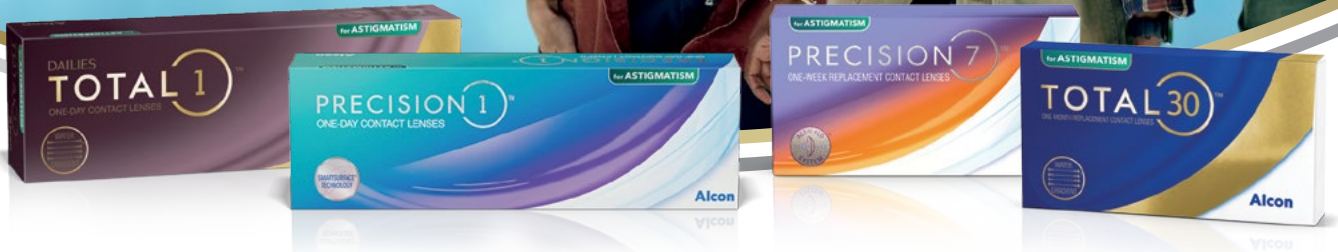
OPTOMETRY'S
MEETING®

PHOENIX, ARIZONA
JUNE 17-20, 2026



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*Refers to replacement schedule

**Based on lens movement, centration and rotation at initial fitting.

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See product instructions for complete wear, care and safety information. only

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Welcome Colleagues,

We hope you are as excited as we are for Optometry's Meeting® 2026, hosted by the American Optometric Association (AOA) and American Optometric Student Association (AOSA)! This year will deliver an event like no other, where attendees can advance their careers, grow as leaders and connect with the profession. Combined with the third AOA+ experience, there will be opportunities for everyone to experience and advance the profession we all love.

The 129th Annual AOA Congress and 58th Annual AOSA Conference will unite leaders, young professionals and students to shape the future of optometry. Expect:

Cutting-Edge Education

Stay at the forefront of patient care through innovative sessions, workshops and lectures exploring the latest research, technologies, and treatment options.

Powerful Connections

Engage with industry experts and peers to spark ideas, mentorships and partnerships that drive the profession forward.

Endless Opportunities

From exhibitors presenting the latest and greatest to educational events, attendees find inspiration and motivation from Eye Care Square to education to the myriad events across this singular meeting.

Use this guide to plan your experience in Phoenix and get ready for a premier event of learning, networking and discovery.

We can't wait to see you there!



Jacquie M. Bowen, O.D.
President
American Optometric
Association



James Chung
President
American Optometric
Student Association



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doctor-patient
relationship.**

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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

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

TUESDAY – JUNE 16

3-5 p.m.	Registration
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WEDNESDAY – JUNE 17

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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5:30-7 p.m.	AOA Experience: Opening General Session (AOA+ attendees encouraged to attend)
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7-9 p.m.	Eye Care Square: Exhibit Hall Opening Reception
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THURSDAY – JUNE 18 AOA+ LEADERSHIP IN ACTION DAY

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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8-9 a.m.	AOA+ Coffee Connections
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8:30-11:30 a.m.	House of Delegates
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8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Eye Care Square: Exhibit Hall Hours
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9 a.m.-12 p.m.	AOA+ Leadership Lab: From Campus to Capitol (Registration Required)
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12-1 p.m.	Industry Lunch Symposia
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12-1 p.m.	Paraoptometric Appreciation Luncheon
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2-5 p.m.	AOA+ Student-Recommended CE Sessions
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4-5:30 p.m.	Vision Rehab/Vision Therapy/Sports Vision Mini-exhibit Hall
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5-7 p.m.	Alumni Receptions
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6:30-7:30 p.m.	AOA EyeQ Championship Kickoff Reception
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7:30-9 p.m.	AOA EyeQ Championship, presented by AOAExcel®
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9-9:30 p.m.	AOA EyeQ Championship Post-Event Reception
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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 Mountain Time. Dates and times are subject to change.

FRIDAY – JUNE 19 AOA+ FUTURE FOCUS FRIDAY

6-8 a.m.	The AOA Foundation 5K <i>(Ticketed Event)</i>
6 a.m.-5p.m.	Registration
7 a.m.-7 p.m.	Continuing Education
8-9 a.m.	Industry Breakfast Symposia
8-9:30 a.m.	Paraoptometric Connection Breakfast
8-10 a.m.	AOA+ Student-Recommended CE Sessions <i>(Continued)</i>
8:30-11:30 a.m.	House of Delegates
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Eye Care Square: Exhibit Hall Hours (Final Day to Visit Exhibitors!)
9 a.m.-12 p.m.	AOA+ Career Fair & Residency Summit
9 a.m.-12 p.m.	AOA+ Residency Forum and Panel
12-1 p.m.	Industry Lunch Symposia
12:15-1:15 p.m.	AOA+ Leadership Zone Lunch <i>(Registerable)</i>
1:15-2:15 p.m.	AOA+ Town Hall: Your Voice, Your Future
4-5:30 p.m.	National Optometry Hall of Fame & AOA Awards Reception
4-6 p.m.	AOA+ Student-Recommended CE Sessions <i>(Continued)</i>
7-10 p.m.	Celebration of Optometry: Closing Party <i>(Doors Open at 7 p.m.)</i>

SATURDAY – JUNE 20

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

YOU'RE THE HOME BASE FOR YOUR PATIENTS' HEALTH

With Kike Hernández, AOA is making in-person eye exams a win for all.

Whether he's hitting a home run or spending time with his family, baseball player Kike Hernández knows his eyes are the most valuable equipment he has. Just like Kike, we all depend on our eyes to perform at our best. Through Eye Deserve More, AOA is giving you the tools to champion the importance of in-person, comprehensive eye exams and encourage patients to put their eye health first.

See how Eye Deserve More is making an impact at [AOA.org/JoinEyeDeserveMore](https://www.aoa.org/JoinEyeDeserveMore)

**EYE
DESERVE
MORE**



REGISTRATION

Registration will open in January 2026! 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, visit optometrymeeting.org/about/registration.

AOA/AOSA MEMBER REGISTRATION			
<i>Includes access to continuing education, Eye Care Square Exhibit Hall and all events, unless otherwise noted.</i>			
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	\$114	\$130	\$145
Paraoptometric/Optometric Staff	\$215	\$215	\$215
Life Member	\$215	\$240	\$265
Association Executive	\$225	\$245	\$265
Optometric Educator	\$430	\$485	\$545
Optometrist	\$580	\$635	\$695
ONE-DAY			
Paraoptometric/Optometric Staff One-Day Pass: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday <i>Note: Exhibit hall and events conclude on Friday</i>	\$125	\$125	\$125
Optometrist One-Day Pass: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday <i>Note: Exhibit hall and events conclude on Friday</i>	\$375	\$435	\$495
HOD OPTION			
House of Delegates Member Access Only (Only available to optometrists participating in HOD, 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	\$275	\$290	\$315
Paraoptometric/Optometric Staff	\$265	\$290	\$315
Paraoptometric/Optometric Staff One-Day Pass: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday	\$190	\$215	\$240
Optometric Educator	\$730	\$785	\$845
Optometrist	\$1,015	\$1,115	\$1,215
Optometrist One-Day Pass: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday	\$615	\$665	\$715

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	\$275	\$290	\$315
Exhibits & Events: Child 11-18 years	\$80	\$80	\$90
Exhibits & Events: Child 4-10 years	\$50	\$50	\$60
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)	\$165	\$190	\$215
3-Day Exhibit Hall Only Pass—Does not qualify for CE, includes Opening Reception and Breaks (Non-Exhibitors)	\$65	\$90	\$115
1-Day Exhibit Hall Pass—Friday Only	-	-	\$50

MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA:

Please contact Yakesha Cooper at ycooper@aoa.org to secure a press pass.

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 27, 2026, (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 Phoenix.

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.



Olivia & Madeline, age 11



No Rx change

-0.25 D change

TODAY IS THE DAY.

Prescribe the only contact lenses that protect a child's blurry vision from getting worse.*†‡1,2

Meet real-life MiSight® 1 day* patients, Olivia and Madeline.

Over 3 years of treatment, MiSight® 1 day has helped:§1,3

- Clear the fastest years of myopic growth⁴
- Stabilize Olivia's myopia
- Only allowed Madeline's prescription to increase -0.25 diopters



Join the thousands of doctors who are educating parents about correcting vision AND treating myopia with MiSight® 1 day.*†‡1,2 Choose the only FDA-approved* contact lens for myopia control.

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*Indications for use: MiSight® 1 day (omafilcon A) soft (hydrophilic) contact lenses for daily wear are indicated for the correction of myopic ametropia and for slowing the progression of myopia in children with non-diseased eyes, who at the initiation of treatment are 8-12 years of age and have a refraction of -0.75 to -4.00 diopters (spherical equivalent) with ≤ 0.75 diopters of astigmatism. The lens is to be discarded after each removal.

†MiSight® 1 day, designed for myopia control, shows sustained slowing of eye growth over time on average. While eyes are still growing; children fit ages 8-12 and followed for 6-years. n=40

‡Compared to a single vision 1 day lens.

§Results may vary. Compared to a single vision lens over a 3-year period, 41% of age-appropriate MiSight® 1 day wearers had no progression with 0.25D or less of change and myopia progression was reduced by 59% on average.

◇ActivControl® technology in MiSight® 1 day contact lenses slows axial length elongation and corrects refractive error for age-appropriate children.

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SPECIAL EVENTS AT OPTOMETRY'S MEETING

AOA Experience: Opening Session

Wednesday, June 17 | 5:30-7 p.m.

PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER

Kick off Optometry's Meeting in style at the AOA Experience! Join AOA and AOSA leaders as they ignite the week with energy, inspiration and a powerful celebration of the visionaries driving optometry forward.



Eye Care Square Exhibit Hall Opening Reception

Wednesday, June 17 | 7-9 p.m.

PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER

After the AOA Experience, keep the energy going at the Eye Care Square Opening Reception! Enjoy Phoenix-inspired bites, drinks and great company as you explore the Exhibit Hall and connect with colleagues.

The Exhibit Hall is open Wednesday, June 17, to Friday, June 19. A badge is required for entry.



House of Delegates

Thursday, June 18-Saturday, June 20
8:30-11:30 a.m.

PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER

For more than a century, the House of Delegates has brought together optometry's leaders to shape the future of the profession. Join colleagues for key governance updates, reports from the AOA Board of Trustees and special award presentations.

All members are welcome to attend, including the election and installation of the AOA Board of Trustees. Celebrate the accomplishments of the AOA, AOSA and Hall of Fame honorees while gaining insight into the progress and priorities of your association.

Alumni Receptions

Thursday, June 18 | 5-7 p.m.

SHERATON PHOENIX DOWNTOWN

An Optometry's Meeting tradition! Reconnect with classmates, network with peers and celebrate your alma mater. Show your school pride by wearing your school colors or gear throughout the day.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT OPTOMETRY'S MEETING

INDUSTRY SYMPOSIA

Looking for a head start on the latest innovations shaping optometry? Attend one of more than 15 industry symposia held throughout Optometry's Meeting, where leading companies and experts share insights on the products and technologies driving the profession forward.

These sessions are promotional and not for CE credit but offer valuable perspectives on emerging advancements in patient care and practice success. Complimentary breakfast or lunch will be provided for doctors and optometric staff. Students are welcome to attend on a space-available basis.

All sessions are first come, first served—no registration required. Be sure to arrive early to secure your seat and take advantage of these dynamic learning opportunities!

[Click here](#) for updates on the 2026 Industry Symposia schedule, including room assignments, participating sponsors and program descriptions



PARAOPTOMETRIC EVENTS AND PROGRAMMING

Paraoptometric Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday, June 18 | 12-1 p.m.
PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER

Celebrate the invaluable contributions of AOA associate-member paraoptometrics during this annual luncheon.

Enjoy an inspiring awards presentation and connect with colleagues who help drive the profession forward.

Complimentary event; registration required as space is limited.

Paraoptometric Connection Breakfast

Friday, June 19 | 8-9:30 a.m.

PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER

Start your morning with connection and conversation among fellow paraoptometrics and industry peers. Enjoy breakfast while celebrating the essential role paraoptometrics play in patient care and practice success. Share ideas, exchange experiences and discover ways to strengthen your connection to the AOA and the profession.

Complimentary event; registration required as space is limited.

Ready. Set. CPO!

Friday, June 19 | 2-4 p.m.

PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER

A guided bootcamp built to help you master the essentials and enter your CPO exam with confidence. Through focused instruction, practical exercises, and expert tips, you'll strengthen your knowledge, boost your skills, and walk into exam day ready to succeed.



SPECIAL EVENTS AT OPTOMETRY'S MEETING

AOA EyeQ Championship, presented by AOAAExcel

Thursday, June 18 | 6:30-10 p.m.

PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER • North Ballroom

For decades, the Student Bowl has electrified Optometry's Meeting. Now, the excitement is rising to a whole new level. Beginning in 2026, the AOA—together with the AOSA—will usher this iconic event into its next chapter: the AOA EyeQ Championship, presented by AOAAExcel.

6:30-7:30 p.m. | Kickoff Reception

Join us as we celebrate the evolution of a tradition—and the bright future of optometry.

7:30-9 p.m. | AOA EyeQ Championship

This beloved, high-energy tradition where students from across the country battle it out in a spirited, quiz-style showdown has become a nationally recognized celebration of knowledge, pride and the future of the profession. Each year, a new winner takes the trophy—passed on from champion to champion.

9-9:30 p.m. | Post-Event Reception

Keep the celebration going with music, dancing and Phoenix vibes as the champions are crowned and the night continues.

Bring your spirit, your voice and your pride—it's time to experience the excitement that defines Optometry's Meeting.

The AOA Foundation 5K

Friday, June 19 | 6 a.m.

PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER • Eye Care Square

Join us for a 3.1-mile run in our exhibit hall 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. Packet pickup will take place on Thursday at the Foundation's booth in the exhibit hall.

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

National Optometry Hall of Fame Induction & AOA Advocacy Awards Reception

Friday, June 19 | 4-5:30 p.m.

PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER

Celebrate the leaders, advocates and visionaries who have generously given their time, talent and passion to advance the profession. This special gathering recognizes their contributions and brings our community together in appreciation of their enduring influence.

Celebration of Optometry

Friday, June 19 | 7-10 p.m.

WAREHOUSE 215

Join your colleagues and new connections for an unforgettable evening at Warehouse 215, a historic industrial gem in the heart of downtown Phoenix that blends vintage character with modern luxury. Enjoy great music from a lively local cover band, delicious bites and a vibrant atmosphere as we celebrate another incredible Optometry's Meeting. Don't miss this stylish night of fun, connection and celebration in one of Phoenix's most unique venues!

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!





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Unlock a world of continuous learning with the redesigned EyeLearn, AOA's professional development hub. Included in your AOA membership, EyeLearn gives you and your team exclusive access to a wealth of educational resources. Enrich your clinical expertise, stay ahead of advancements in optometric medicine, and gain invaluable insights on practice management. Dive into professional development with EyeLearn, your online, on-demand hub.



EYE CARE SQUARE



EYE CARE SQUARE

Eye Care Square is more than an exhibit hall—it's the heart of Optometry's Meeting, where education, innovation and community converge. This immersive environment brings together the entire profession for meaningful connections and hands-on discovery.

With more than 150 exhibitors showcasing today's most advanced products, technologies and practice solutions, Eye Care Square is your destination to explore new ideas, engage with experts, and take the pulse of an ever-evolving industry.

Beyond the exhibits, Eye Care Square is also the central connection point for registration, the EyeTalks® Stage, education workshops, and AOA+ networking events, plus other interactive experiences designed to inspire and inform. Whether you're connecting with colleagues, discovering new products, or joining a live discussion, every corner of Eye Care Square offers something to energize your professional journey.

EXHIBIT HALL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 17 | 7-9 p.m.

Thursday, June 18 | 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, June 19 | 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Interested in sponsorship or exhibiting?

Please contact mbeck@aoa.org | Exhibit Hall
and aolson@aoa.org | Sponsorship.



EDUCATION

ACCREDITATION & CREDIT

Earn **COPE** credits, **AOA CE Hours***, **CPC** credits and **CEE/TQ** credits.

**AOA CE Hours satisfy most state boards' CE requirements and are respected by many organizations within the practice of optometry; however, it is advised that attendees verify their state board requirements prior to selecting courses to attend.*

SCHEDULE & STRUCTURE

Education Dates:

Wednesday, June 17 – Saturday, June 20, 2026

Sessions begin at **9 a.m. Wednesday** and conclude at **3 p.m. Saturday**.

DAY	MAX HOURS (OD)	MAX HOURS (PARA)
Wednesday, June 17	7	7
Thursday, June 18	12	12
Friday, June 19	10	10
Saturday, June 20	6	6

CUTTING-EDGE EDUCATION & WORKSHOPS

- Over **200 CE and professional development courses**, totaling **300+ credit hours**.
- Topics include surgical and laser advancements, systemic diseases, functional vision, billing and coding.
- Hands-on, skill-based workshops for doctors, paraoptometrics and students.

CEE/TQ EDUCATION

- **28 hours of Continuing Education Examination/ Transcript Quality (CEE/TQ)** credit available.
- If applicable, scan the **QR code** at the end of your CEE/TQ course to register for and request the examination component.
- The CEE/TQ exam must be completed within the testing window in order to be claimed.

DOCTOR & PARAOPTOMETRIC INTEGRATED EDUCATION

- **Over 90 hours of integrated education** for doctors and paraoptometrics in a unified learning environment.
- Focus on team-based, coordinated care that improves patient outcomes.
- Topics include:
 - Contact lens innovations
 - Advanced diagnostics
 - Hands-on procedures
 - Disease management
 - Low vision solutions
 - Practice growth
 - Emerging trends
- Promotes collaborative learning and practical application across all care teams.



EDUCATION

PARAOPTOMETRIC CONTINUING EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Paraoptometrics can earn **up to 35 CE credits**, all approved by the **Commission on Paraoptometric Certification (CPC)** and the **AOA**.
- Courses designed to strengthen both **clinical** and **professional** skills.
- Session topics include:
 - Billing and coding mastery.
 - Excellence in patient service and intake.
 - Surgical assistance and in-office procedures.
 - Systemic disease overview.
- Tailored to empower paraoptometrics and expand their role in optometric care.

OPTOMETRIC SURGICAL ASSISTING

- **Four-hour, hands-on workshop** focused on surgical assisting techniques.
- Lecture-based content available in AOA **EyeLearn** for completion.
- Ideal for paraoptometrics supporting office-based surgical procedures.



THE ONLY NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE ENTIRE PROFESSION

- Established in **2003** through collaboration between the **AOA** and **AOSA**.
- The **only official national event** uniting **doctors of optometry, paraoptometrics and students**.
- Created by and for the profession—where education, innovation and community intersect.





THE AOA FOUNDATION

Optometry Cares®

How to Support The AOA Foundation at Optometry's Meeting

- ✓ **Attend an InfantSEE Workshop**
 - Friday, June 19 at 8, 9 & 10 am
 - Watch a live eye exam demonstration, test your own skills & earn CE credit!
- ✓ **Purchase AOA & AOSA Merch**
 - Shop the Foundation booth in the exhibit hall
- ✓ **View OHS Posters**
 - Learn more about optometric history, including Arizona's contributions



NEW FOR 2026!
5K on Friday
Indoor Track

Participate in the 5K

- New Day! 5K will be on Friday, June 19, 6 am
- Race will be indoors in the Exhibit Hall!



CE SCHEDULE & HIGHLIGHTS



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!

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure in optometry! Experience dynamic courses, cutting-edge innovations and the latest in eye care—all in one action-packed meeting.

AOSA/STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

AOA+ 2026: Where Future Doctors Become Leaders

Optometry's Meeting | June 17-20, 2026 | Phoenix

AOA+ unites students, new doctors, and emerging leaders for four days of high-energy programming that blends leadership, advocacy, and career development. Designed to connect future doctors with mentors and opportunities, AOA+ is where professional growth begins.

AOA+ AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, June 17

- **Opening General Session** – Kick off Optometry's Meeting with the full AOA+ community.

Thursday, June 18

- **Coffee Connections** – Network with peers and leaders.
- **Leadership Lab: From Campus to Capitol** – Inspiring keynote, advocacy stories and panel discussion.
- **Future Ready: CE for Tomorrow's Doctors** – Focus areas such as business, communication, leadership and career exploration.
- **AOA EyeQ Championship, presented by AOAEexcel** – Celebrate school pride and competition, followed by a post-event reception.

Friday, June 19

- **Career Fair & Residency Forum** – Explore practice opportunities, take headshots and sharpen interview skills.
- **Leadership Zone Lunch** – Connect with affiliate leaders in informal discussions.
- **AOA+ Town Hall** – Student-driven Q&A with AOA leadership.
- **Celebration of Optometry** – Evening celebration recognizing the profession's brightest.





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AOA Member Benefits

As a member of the AOA, you have access to an exclusive collection of practice management resources such as:



Discounts on listings in the AOAExcel Career Center



Malpractice & Business Owner's Insurance



Student Loan Guidance



AOA Business Card



Disability & Life Insurance



Retirement Plan Options



Electronic Health Records Software



And more!

Save Time and Money

Reduce the stress of practice management. Trust our vetted business partners to protect your practice, your people and your career so you and your team can focus on caring for your patients.

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