

Tennessee Board of Optometry

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification Policy Statement

Pursuant to Tennessee Board of Optometry (“Board”) rule 1045-02-.05(1)(b), each licensee shall maintain current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (“CPR”) as a part of the continuing education requirements for optometrists licensed to practice in Tennessee.

In order to obtain initial CPR certification, it is the policy of the Board to require each licensee to attend a live, in-person course approved or offered by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or other board-approved entity.

Furthermore, it is the policy of the Board that initial CPR certification may be obtained through course-work at a school or college of optometry accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (“ACOE”); the National Commission on Accrediting; or the United States Secretary of Education.

Last, it is the policy of the Board to allow re-certification in CPR to be obtained through one of the following, Board approved, online courses:

- ProCPR, Inc.
Course - ProCPR
- International CPR Institute, Inc.
Course – Healthcare Provider Basic Life Support

As the Board approves other live, in-person and online CPR courses, information will be posted on the Board’s webpage at <http://tn.gov/health/topic/OPT-board>

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