

6500.1200 CRITERIA FOR JUDGING AND APPROVING CONTINUING EDUCATION.

Board approval of continuing education programs shall be determined as described in items A to G.

A. Whether or not the program is likely to contribute to the advancement and extension of professional skill and knowledge in the practice of optometry.

B. Whether or not the speakers, lecturers, and others participating in the presentation of any such program are recognized by the board as being highly qualified in their field.

C. Whether or not the proposed course, if it is to be conducted within the state of Minnesota, is open to all optometrists licensed in this state.

D. Whether or not the tuition fee charged for courses conducted within the state of Minnesota is the same for nonmembers of the course sponsoring organization as it is for members. Any difference in tuition charged to nonmembers as opposed to members of the sponsoring organization shall be reasonable and related to the sponsoring organization's expense in operating the continuing education.

E. As a condition of approval of an educational program hereunder, the board may require that the program director furnish it with satisfactory evidence of attendance of all Minnesota licensees.

F. Programs and or courses deemed by the board to be a sales promotion of a product or service may be denied approval of continuing education credit. Such programs and or courses may be presented without continuing education credit by the sponsor when so noted on the program.

G. Courses meeting approval criteria standards and receiving approval from a board-recognized reviewer of continuing education shall be accepted for credit by the board.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 148.53; 214.12*

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