

TN Board of Dispensing Opticians

Policy Statement on Board Approved Educational Programs

The State of Tennessee has delegated the duty and responsibility of licensing dispensing opticians to the Board of Dispensing Opticians. The Board takes this responsibility seriously and must function in a manner as to promote and protect the public's health, safety, and welfare. Accordingly, the Board has a responsibility to promulgate rules, regulations, and policies clarifying requirements for licensure and to interpret its practice act found at Tennessee Code Annotated Section (Tenn. Code Ann. §) 63-14-101, *et seq.*

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-14-103(a)(1), an applicant for licensure must either be a graduate of a two (2) year Board-approved opticianry school or complete the three (3) year Tennessee Apprenticeship Training Program.

The Board hereby accepts all dispensing optician programs recognized by the National Federation of Opticianry Schools and/or the Commission on Opticianry Accreditation as Board approved opticianry schools.

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