

**Course Classification Equivalency for Continuing Education Credit  
State of Michigan and the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE)**

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In general, the COPE course categories below are an educational equivalent to the State of Michigan categories listed. The final decision would be made by the Michigan State Board of Optometry on a case by case basis.

COPE Continuing Education Course <sup>1</sup>	State of Michigan Classification <sup>2</sup>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treatment &amp; Management of Ocular Disease: Anterior Segment (AS)</li> <li>Glaucoma (GL)</li> <li>Peri-Operative Management of Ophthalmic Surgery (PO)</li> <li>Refractive Surgery Management (RS)</li> <li>Pharmacology (PH)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pharmaceutical Management</b> Education on specific pharmacological management of ocular conditions. All optometrists must have a total of 40 hours of CE in the two years preceding the application for renewal and therapeutically and diagnostically certified optometrists must have a minimum of 20 hours of CE in pharmaceutical management. Therefore, this category is most important to potential optometrist attendees.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Optometry (GO)</li> <li>Treatment &amp; Management of Ocular Disease: Posterior Segment (PS)</li> <li>Principles of Diagnosis (PD)</li> <li>Low Vision (LV)</li> <li>Systemic/Ocular Disease (SD)</li> <li>Contact Lenses (CL)</li> <li>Ethics/Jurisprudence (EJ)</li> <li>Functional Vision/Pediatrics (FV)</li> <li>Neuro-Optometry (NO)</li> </ul>	<p><b>General Clinical Education</b> Education which does not fall into any other category.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pharmacology (PH) (of analgesics only)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pain Management</b> Education on topics related to symptoms of ocular conditions that include pain. Examples include pharmacology and drug interactions of analgesics, psychology of pain, and clinical applications of behavior and stress management. All optometrists must have a minimum of one hour of CE in this category in the two years preceding the application for renewal.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice Management (PM)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Practice Management</b> Education on non-clinical topics such as marketing, billing, staff training and other business aspects of managing a practice. Optometrists may only use a maximum of nine hours of CE in this category in the two years preceding the application for renewal. Therefore, this category is less desirable to attendees.</p>

- For a detailed description of COPE courses, visit [http://www.arbo.org/cope\\_course\\_descriptions.html](http://www.arbo.org/cope_course_descriptions.html)
- For questions regarding Michigan CE, contact a member of the Michigan State Board of Optometry at <http://www.michigan.gov/mdch>. Click on "Health Systems & Health Profession Licensing", then "Licensing for Health Care Professionals" and go to "Optometry". You will find FAQ's and a list of the current members of the Michigan State Board of Optometry.