

Australian College of Optometry –Certificate in Public Health Optometry

Frequently Asked Questions

1	Who is this course for?	<p>This course is open to a range of professionals – optometrists, orthoptists, educators, project managers and other health care professionals and staff working in a public health or optometry setting.</p> <p>Awarding of CPD and CE points is only available for optometrists registered to practice in Australia or New Zealand.</p>
2	How do I sign up for the Advanced Certificate in Glaucoma Course?	Download the Registration Form and email to cpd@aco.org.au , or book online .
3	Can I pay by direct credit?	The preferred methods for payment are online or via the form with credit card, cheque or direct debit.
4	When is the last date for registering for the Course?	The final date for registering is 24 May 2019 . Book by 20 May to avoid the late fee.
5	How do I know I am enrolled?	Upon receipt of your payment, you will receive a confirmation email with your receipt.
6	Once enrolled, how do I log into CORE?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Go to https://www.acocore.com ➤ Login (your login is your ACO ID number) and enter your password. ➤ Your initial password is changeme. You will be asked to change this the first time you log in.
7	Do the lectures need to be done in sequential order?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lectures should be done in the order that they are listed.
8	I don't live in Melbourne. Do I have to travel to the ACO for the exams?	<p>No, you will not be required to travel to the ACO for either exam. You will be able to do them.</p> <p>Both exams will be held on a specific date at a specific time. They are timed, open book exams.</p> <p>You are notified of the exam week at the commencement of the course so it is imperative that you keep this week clear. Full details of requirements and instructions will be made available in due course.</p>

9	Can I watch the lecture videos more than once?	Yes you will be able to watch the videos or listen to the audios as many times as you wish for the duration of the course. Once your course is completed, access will be removed.
10	What is the Reflective Essay?	The reflective essay should cover your own leadership attributes and how you could utilise knowledge learnt in the case to contribute to a positive outcome. It should be 1000 words.
11	Is there any leeway in the length of the Reflective Essay and Project?	Yes there is a 10% leeway in wording for both the Reflective Essay and the Project.
12	What is meant by the 2000 word Project?	Practising skills covered in the course, you are required to present a project that incorporates the learnings from both the public health module and the leadership module. Some suggestions for these are – a public health promotion plan for an issue in optometry, a program for your practice that addresses one of the key public health issues, an intervention plan for a public health issue, a workplace policy on diversity and inclusion, cultural competence etc.
13	When do I need to notify my suggested project topic?	This needs to be notified to the Course Program Manager by Week 18.
14	Am I able to defer the course once I have commenced study?	Candidates are expected to complete the course they commence unless special circumstances prevail. If you need to discuss your circumstances, please contact Marcel Mihulka on 03 9349 7477
15	When will my CPD points be allocated?	CPD points are applied on successful completion of the course.