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October 29, 2018

Vermont Optometric Association  
C/O Dr. Dean Barcelow  
1593 Vermont route 107  
Bethel, VT. 05032

Dear Dr. Barcelow,

In response to your request I can inform you that the Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners has requested of each School of Optometry in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico an attestation to the fact that their school curriculum includes instruction in all of the elements of Advanced Optometric Surgical Procedures. The schools must sign a sworn, notarized affidavit to that effect.

The list of schools that have attested to this is attached. To date, 21 of the 25 schools have responded.

A graduate of a school that has not attested cannot become licensed in Louisiana without completing additional education and training in the Advanced Procedures.

If I may be of any additional assistance please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. James D. Sandefur  
Secretary, La. State Board of Optometry Examiners

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## **Schools That Teach All Advanced Ophthalmic Surgery Procedures**

1. Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, TN
2. Northeastern State University, Oklahoma College of Optometry, Tahlequah, OK
3. Pacific University, College of Optometry, Forest Grove, OR
4. State University of New York, School of Optometry, New York, New York
5. University of Houston, College of Optometry, Houston, TX
6. University of Alabama At Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
7. Nova Southeastern University, College of Optometry, Fort Lauderdale, FL
8. University of The Incarnate Word, Rosenberg School of Optometry, San Antonio, TX
9. Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, IL
10. Indiana University. School of Optometry. Bloomington. IN
11. Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum University, Fullerton, CA
12. Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, School of Optometry, Worcester, MA
13. The Ohio State University, School of Optometry, Columbus, OH
14. University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science, Ontario, Canada
15. University of Missouri At St. Louis, School of Optometry, St. Louis, MO
16. Midwestern University, Chicago College of Optometry, Downers Grove, IL
17. University of Pikeville, Kentucky College of Optometry, Pikeville, KY
18. Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University, Big Rapids, MI
19. U. C. Berkley School of Optometry, Berkley, CA
20. Midwestern University, Arizona College of Optometry, Glendale, AZ
21. New England College of Optometry, Boston, MA

**AFFIDAVIT OF APPROVED CURRICULUM**  
**FOR THE**  
**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY EXAMINERS**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the County/Parish and State referenced below, personally came and appeared Joseph A. Bonnano, OD a duly authorized representative of Indiana University School of Optometry, who, after being duly sworn, did depose and state:

1. I am an authorized representative of the following school of optometry (the "Optometry School"):

Indiana University School of Optometry

2. I currently serve in the following position with the Optometry School:

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3. I am familiar with the academic curriculum of the Optometry School.
4. I understand that all persons desiring to become licensed to practice optometry in the State of Louisiana must satisfactorily complete a course of instruction with a minimum of thirty-two (32) clock hours of didactic classroom instruction that includes the following subject areas (the "Approved Curriculum"):

- (a). laser physics, hazards, and safety;
- (b). biophysics of lasers;
- (c). laser application on clinical optometry;
- (d). laser tissue interactions;
- (e). laser indications, contraindications, and potential complications;
- (f). gonioscopy;
- (g). laser therapy for open angle glaucoma;
- (h). laser therapy for angle closure glaucoma;
- (i). posterior capsulotomy;
- (j). common complications: lids, lashes, lacrimal system;
- (k). medicolegal aspects of anterior segment procedures;
- (l). peripheral iridotomy;

- (m). laser trabeculoplasty;
- (n). minor surgical procedures;
- (o). overview of surgical instruments, asepsis, and o.s.h.a.;
- (p). surgical anatomy of the eyelids;
- (q). emergency surgical procedures;
- (r). chalazion management;
- (s). epiluminescence microscopy;
- (t). local anesthesia: techniques and complications;
- (u). anaphalaxis and other office emergencies;
- (v). radiofrequency surgery;
- (w). post-operative wound care.

4. The Optometry School offers an Approved Curriculum to its students. All graduating students of the Optometry School must satisfactorily complete a course of instruction with a minimum of thirty-two (32) clock hours of didactic classroom instruction that includes all subject areas set forth, above, in section 4 of this Affidavit, namely the Approved Curriculum.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED this Fifth day of November, 2015.

Indiana University School of Optometry

Print Name of School

By:

*J. A. Bruno*

Signature of Representative

Its:

Dean

Title of Representative

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME on this Fifth day of November, 2015 in Monroe County, Indiana County/Parish, Indiana

*John Craig Combs*

Notary Public

Printed Name: John Craig Combs

Notary Number: 585908

Monroe County County/Parish, Indiana

Commission Expires: 25 FEB 2018

