

The Future is Ophthalmic Telehealth
(To be taught by instructors who are SAO Advanced Certified Instructors)
Course length: 1- The Future is Ophthalmic Telehealth
hour (50 minutes) Course level: SAO Level 1

Intended audience: (Currently credentialed as per below)

- *Ophthalmic Opticians® (O.O.)
- *Certified Ophthalmic Techs (COT)&(COMT)
- *Certified Paraoptometric Techs (CPOT)
- *NFOS School Graduates
- *ABO Advanced Certified Opticians (ABO-AC)&(ABOM)
- *NCLE Advanced Certified Opticians (NCLE-AC)
- *Any certified optical professional who already has a solid background in optics and is interested in assisting Ophthalmologists and Optometrists by becoming a “Visual Assessment Specialist”.

Learning outcomes: Participants in this course will learn about how to assist doctors by operating equipment and gathering information to assure that a doctor’s patient will see better with their new Rx. They will also gain an understanding upon the successful conclusion of this course of the responsibilities of an SAO Nationally Certified “Visual Assessment Specialist”.

Teaching methods: Lectures, audio visuals, and hands-on use of required equipment.

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1. Introductions and Inspirational Quote 5 min.

What does it mean for the future of advanced certified optical professionals?

2. Learning Outcomes 5 min.

- Understand why patients are exhibiting excitement about Telehealth
- Learn what technology is available for Telehealth
- Learn why advanced certified optical professionals should embrace Telehealth

Understand why patients are exhibiting excitement about Telehealth

3. The consumerization of healthcare is driving historic growth 15 min.

- Telehealth visits are up over 500 percent between 2015 and 2019
- Reports show that there is an increased acceptance of Telehealth
- The new benefits of Artificial Intelligence (Audio/Video example of how telehealth works)

Learn what technology is available for Telehealth

4. Demonstrations of available diagnostic equipment 15 min.

- An explanation of the purpose of and the use of available diagnostic equipment

Why advanced certified optical professionals should embrace Telehealth

5. The potential Future of Telehealth for “Advance Credentialed Optical Professionals” 15 min.

- The potential benefit for each certified optical professional in attendance will be discussed