



## AOA Paraoptometric Micro-credential: Optometric Surgical Assisting

### Lecture & Theory

- Understand the role of an optometric technician in minor eyelid and laser eye surgeries, including the importance of proper training and preparation.
- Master anatomy and physiology of the eyelids, including common conditions affecting the eyelids, blood supply to the eyelids, and the various nerves of the eyelids.
- Learn about optometric lasers, laser physics, how lasers work and typical laser procedures.
- Comprehend the importance of sterilization and infection control and measures to prevent infection transmission.
- Acquire knowledge related to patient evaluation and pre-operative preparation, along with post-operative instructions.
- Discover the importance of compliance and regulations related to office-based surgical procedures.



**Duration: 6.5 Hours**

### Pricing

**AOA Members: \$100**

**Nonmembers: \$175**

*Micro-credential does not require renewal. Continuing education on surgical procedures is highly recommended.*





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## Paraoptometric Surgical Assisting Micro-credential: Additional Information

This micro-credential program, housed in EyeLearn, has been thoughtfully designed to equip paraoptometrics with the specialized knowledge and skills required to excel as a paraoptometric surgical assistant. It aims to provide paraoptometrics with a solid foundation in surgical assisting techniques, patient care and surgical office management.

Throughout the program, paraoptometrics will delve into a wide range of topics essential to their role. From pre-operative preparations and aseptic techniques to surgical instrumentation and patient monitoring, each module will enhance the paraoptometric's understanding and proficiency in assisting optometric surgeons.

This micro-credential will serve as a testament to the paraoptometric's expertise and dedication, distinguishing the paraoptometric as a valued member of the optometric surgical team.

To earn the surgical assisting micro-credential, the paraoptometric must: complete the 6.5 hours of training in EyeLearn and pass the accompanying examination, complete the 4-hour workshop\* and demonstrate a mastery of the essential clinical skills by passing all 14 lab exercises.

*\*NOTE: An additional fee of \$50 will be charged for registration to attend the Optometric Surgical Assisting for the Paraoptometric Technician Workshop. Workshop locations and dates will vary.*



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