

**Readopt with amendment Opt 402.01, effective 9-16-17 (Document #12383), to read as follows:**

Opt 402.01 Continuing Education Required.

(a) All TPA certified licensed optometrists shall complete a minimum of 50 credit hours of approved continuing education (CE) requirements every calendar year, at least 20 credit hours of which shall be in Class I, and the remainder of which shall be Class II. When accumulating Class I credit hours, ~~83~~ of the 20 hours may be alternative CE, as defined in Opt 402.04(a)(2), and the balance shall come from formal CE, as defined in Opt 402.04(a)(1). An optometrist with prescriptive authority to treat glaucoma shall complete 10 of the required hours in glaucoma specific education, a minimum of 7 hours of which shall be in Class I, and the remainder in Class II. Pursuant to RSA 318-B:40, licensees shall complete 3 hours of online education in pain management, provided that such education shall not count towards the ~~83~~ alternative CE credits allowed under this paragraph.

(b) Class I credit hours shall be accumulated through participation in formal courses and alternative CE that meet the requirements of Opt 402.04.

(c) Class II credit hours shall be earned through independent study documented as required by Opt 402.04.

**APPENDIX**

<b>RULE NUMBER</b>	<b>STATUTE IMPLEMENTED</b>
Opt 402.01	RSA 327:31, VII; RSA 327:33; RSA 327:33-a