

## Practice Notice: 001

To: SCO Membership  
From: SCO Council and Registrar  
Date: February 5, 2021  
Re: Continuing Education and Professional Designations

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The Saskatchewan College of Opticians would like to remind its members that licensed practicing members (Opticians) must on an annual basis, have completed or banked a minimum of ten (10) continuing education credits as set out in the regulations, and Contact Lens Practitioner's must have banked a minimum fifteen (15) continuing education credits.

The SCO encourages its members to participate in all professional educational and developmental programs as they become available, however, members are reminded that to obtain a continuing education credit, all educational programs, seminars etc., must have been pre-approved by either the SCO, or the NACOR.

As well, the SCO would like to remind its members that at the present time, the SCO only recognizes two professional designations as follows:

- (1) Optician – LO; and
- (2) Contact Lens Practitioner -LCLP

The above two designations are the only designations that may be placed after a member's name or for use in advertising. The use of any other optical term, title, designation, licence or diploma, that is not recognized by the College could be confusing or misleading to the public, and as such, should not be placed in an area visible to the public, and may also result in being considered a professional misconduct.