

# Safer Prescribing of Opioids



On July 1, 2018, the Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners (LSBOE) has issued a letter explaining recent legislation passed by the Louisiana Legislature which mandates that all healthcare providers, including Doctors of Optometry, with prescriptive authority who hold a Controlled Dangerous Substances license, and who have prescribed a Controlled Dangerous Substance in 2018, shall obtain 3 hours of Continuing Education on Opioid Prescribing as a prerequisite for license renewal. Additional details may be found in that letter or by contacting the LSBOE directly.

To provide this training for our members, the OAL is pleased to announce our Fall CE Conference on October 27, 2018, at the Baton Rouge Marriott, will meet these new requirements. Scott Ensor, O.D., from Southern College of Optometry, will present a course covering all 4 aspects required of the training program (best practices, drug diversion, addiction treatment, and the treatment of chronic pain). The Conference will include an additional 5 hours of continuing education, as well, but for those only needing the 3 hour opioid prescribing course, special discounted registration will be available and the opioid course will be offered mid-morning to allow members to attend without having to spend a night at the hotel. We are also trying to develop an online option to benefit our members, as well.

Watch for additional details coming soon, and we hope you enjoy the Fall CE Conference!