THE VIEW

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Opticians Association of New Brunswick

OANB Member News

Important New Info:

New NB Remote Practice Standard:

COVID restrictions and subsequent new technology led to the offering of remote (on-line) services by some healthcare professionals in some provinces, even to the point of offering on-line services to clients outside their own province. There are also some optical retailers moving toward selling glasses online that, they claim, are of the same quality and precision as those sold in-store. This is possible due to revolutionary facial scanning apps, which take measurements for the production of high-quality glasses.

With these trends in mind, and to protect the public, the OANB Council has worked with its legal counsel to develop a Remote Practice Standard to set some guidelines for individuals and businesses engaging in these practices in NB. The new standard (#9) can be seen on the OANB website under "OANB Standards of Practice" at: https://opticiansnb.com/legislation/

Proposed Criminal Record Check Registration Requirement Amendment:

A Criminal Record Check (CRC) helps to identify any potential risks to the safety and security of a businesses' clients and staff. The OANB Council and our legal counsel, feel it is important to protect our opticians and their clients in every way we can. We have worked together to initiate a criminal record check with vulnerable sector screening requirement for all new members.

Current members will not be required to provide a CRC, but will be asked if they have a record of any criminal offences, charges or convictions on the annual OANB license renewal form. If yes, they will be asked to provide a current (within the last 60 days) copy of a criminal background check, including a vulnerable sector screening, which will remain highly confidential.

Adding a CRC to our registration requirements, necessitates an amendment to the OANB Regulations. First the membership will be sent a Notice of Motion, for comment within 14 days, then based on the membership's response, Council will approve/reject the amendment. Next, it must be approved by the Minister of Health before it can be enacted. Finally the membership will be asked to ratify the amendment at the 2023 OANB AGM.

OANB will send the Notice of Motion to all members by email. Please review it carefully and submit any comments to the office, within 14 days of receipt.

Thank you for your help in making the job of opticianry safer for everyone!

Professional Development

Reminder: the deadline for Professional Development credit submissions is Dec. 31, 2022

NEXT OAC CONNECT WEBCAST:
Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022
3:00 – 5:00 PM

Improving Healthcare Practitioner Collaboration
1 EC Credit

Myopia: A Global Epidemic, Part 1
1 EC Credit

Its easy to get credits though the OAC App anytime !
Click here:
https://web.meetappevent.com/oac-live-webcasts?eventid=701249

Honorary Membership Update

Council will continue to grant honorary membership to practicing members over the age of 65, and will waive their annual membership fees, in recognition of their years of service. Honorary Practicing members *will* be required to pay their annual OAC Membership fees, as passed by Council two years ago.

Honorary Non-Practicing Membership, however, is not an Act or Regulatory requirement. Council has therefore, decided to grandfather our existing Honorary Non-Practicing members, but will otherwise discontinue the category henceforth.

OANB is looking for an Electronic Table for NACOR Exam use

If you have an electronic table, you would like to sell or donate to OANB, please contact the office at: (506) 642-2878

Congratulations to the 2022 Optician Memorial Award Winner!

Catherine Gallant

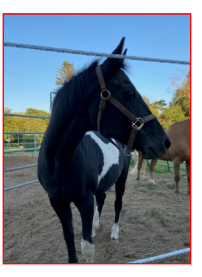
The OANB Optician Memorial Award is presented annually, in memory of past professional & dedicated Opticians of NB, to the student who obtained the highest marks of all New Brunswick candidates on the NACOR Examinations.

Catherine is a licensed optician with contact lenses certification. She works at Citadel Eyewear in Dieppe. She will receive a plaque to commemorate her achievement and a **$500.00** prize!

MEET A MEMBER!

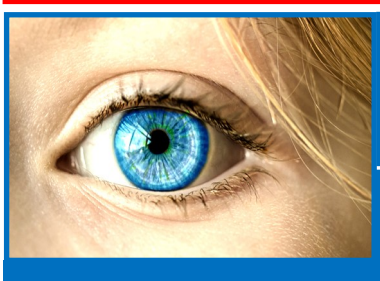
Lauren Newell

"I am new to the optical world. After a successful 14-year career in the financial services industry, I decided it was time for a change. I have always wanted to be in healthcare, and was intrigued by an optical career. I entered and completed the Oulton College optical program and became licensed in 2021. Truly, this is one of the best decisions I have made for myself - loving what you do for a living is a privilege I hope to always enjoy. I am currently working at the Costco Optical in Moncton.



When I'm not at work, I am being a Mom to my two teenage daughters Dakota and Devin. These girls are my inspiration They were my biggest cheerleaders while I completed my program at Oulton College.

The three of us share a life-long love of horses and regularly visit our horse Casino. I have had Casino for a little over 20 years, together over those years, we have ridden in horse shows, taught lessons, ridden trails, and carried my children along for rides as they grew.



OANB Apprentice Area

NACOR

NACOR EXAM SCHEDULE

Nov. 5-6, 2022: cancelled due to low registration
Next exams: June 10-11 & November 4-5, 2023

NAIT

Would someone you know like to become an Optician? They can learn more about the NAIT Online Optical Program (theory & on-the-job clinical) at: http://bit.ly/OpticalSciences

Scholarship Program!

To enter, develop a project that shows how you will advocate for diversity, equity and inclusion in order to help educate your patients and protect their vision. Projects may be in an essay, presentation or video format. **Creativity is encouraged!**

Projects will be evaluated by a panel of judges based on the following criteria: creativity, presentation, strategic thinking and ethics.

Students who submit the best three projects will receive prizes of:
$2,500, $1,500 and $500!

Submit your project (or send any questions) to: StudentsofVision@Transitions.com
Include: Name, Phone Number, E-mail, Mailing Address, School & Program

Projects must be submitted by: **November 1, 2022**
Winners announced: **November 15, 2022**

For more information see: transitions.com/canada-students-of-vision/en-ca/#:~:text=Demonstrate%20to%20us%20how%20you,%242%2C500%2C%20%241%2C500%20or%20%24500%20scholarship!

Employment Opportunities

VisionPLUS Clinique d'optométrie • Optometry clinic

Seeking a bilingual certified optician to join our team.

Permanent full-time position. Remuneration will be based on experience. Please submit your resume in person or at visionplusmoncton@gmail.com

FYidoctors. For you. For your eyes.

FYidoctors seeking Full Time Optician
King St. Fredericton
The Optician will be responsible for the retail and repair of eyewear products as well as follow-up patient care and has at least one year of previous optical experience.
40 hrs/week, Mon.- Fri.
Send application to the hiring manager.
See: https://fyidoctors.com/en/careers

Vogue Optical

Vogue Optical, Bathurst is currently seeking an Optician/contact lens fitter

Must be bilingual. • Must be a licensed optician. • Have the ability to work in a team to ensure the overall success of the store. • Must have the ability to organize, set priorities, solve problems and work under limited supervision. • Excellent benefits offered with a competitive starting salary. • Permanent full-time position. Interested candidates can apply by fax: (902) 626-3610 or email: bmacdonald@vogueoptical.com

Walmart Vision Centre
Regent Mall, Fredericton
is looking for a
Dual Licensed Optician

If interested contact: District Manager
Nichole Haley (506) 292-4265