



## ***Explanation of the Point System for Clinical Candidates***

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A point system has been put into place to allow candidates more options to meet the written requirements. Once the candidate has achieved **50 Points**, he or she will be invited to sit for an oral examination at the next Annual Meeting of the Academy. It is the candidate's responsibility to provide their Subcommittee Chair with any documentation requested before consideration for awarding points can be made, and it is the Subcommittee Chair's responsibility to assess whether or not the materials presented satisfy the intent of the category.

Research papers, posters and publications in a vision science related curriculum completed prior to receiving the OD degree will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The faculty advisor must provide a statement documenting the student's significant level of involvement in the project. The project must be the candidate's work. Poster or paper presented at a professional meeting, or publication that involves *patient management* completed prior to receiving the OD degree and licensure is not acceptable for points.

If written work is submitted electronically, only one electronic copy is required. If written work is submitted in "hard copy", the Subcommittee Chair will inform the candidate of the number of copies of each written work required. **ALL work must be presented prior to the June 1 deadline of the year the candidate takes the oral exam.**

### ***Clinical Candidates***

**CLINICAL CANDIDATES** are optometrists who are licensed to practice at the highest level permitted by law in their jurisdiction and are **engaged in active clinical practice**. A combination of points from the following categories which total 50 points is required to complete the written requirements. **At least one case report is required for all clinical candidates. All written work (including posters, papers, lectures, etc.) must have been completed and presented prior to the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.**

#### **CASE REPORTS** (10 Points each—no limit)

1. Case report of a patient the candidate has managed **after** graduation/licensure in Optometry.
2. Guidelines for preparing a case report are documented at:  
<http://www.aaopt.org/becoming/reportguide/index.asp>

#### **PUBLICATIONS** (10 Points each)

1. An article may be acceptable if it was published in one of the following or **similar** peer reviewed journals.

<i>Acta Ophthalmologica</i>	<i>Journal of Neuro-Ophthalmology</i>
<i>American Journal of Ophthalmology</i>	<i>Journal of Ocular Pharmacology and Therapeutics</i>
<i>Annals of Ophthalmology</i>	<i>Journal of Pediatric Ophthalmology &amp; Strabismus</i>
<i>Archives of Ophthalmology</i>	<i>Journal of Refractive Surgery</i>
<i>Arquivos Brasileiros de Oftalmologia</i>	<i>Journal of Vision</i>
<i>BMC Ophthalmology</i>	<i>Klin Monatsbl Augenheilkd</i>
<i>British Journal of Ophthalmology</i>	<i>Molecular Vision</i>
<i>Canadian Journal of Ophthalmology</i>	<i>Neuro-Ophthalmology</i>
<i>Canadian Journal of Optometry</i>	<i>Ocular Immunology and Inflammation</i>
<i>Clinical &amp; Experimental Ophthalmology</i>	<i>Ocular Surface</i>
<i>Clinical and Experimental Optometry</i>	<i>Ophthalmic and Physiologic Optics</i>
<i>Contact Lens and Anterior Eye</i>	<i>Ophthalmic Epidemiology</i>
<i>Cornea</i>	<i>Ophthalmic Genetics</i>
<i>Current Eye Research</i>	<i>Ophthalmic Plastic &amp; Reconstructive Surgery</i>
<i>Current Opinion in Ophthalmology</i>	<i>Ophthalmic Research</i>
<i>Cutaneous and Ocular Toxicology</i>	<i>Ophthalmic Surgery, Lasers &amp; Imaging</i>
<i>Documenta Ophthalmologica</i>	<i>Ophthalmologe</i>
<i>European Journal of Ophthalmology</i>	<i>Ophthalmologica</i>
<i>Experimental Eye Research</i>	<i>Ophthalmology</i>
<i>Eye</i>	<i>Optometric Education</i>
<i>Eye &amp; Contact Lens</i>	<i>Optometry</i>
<i>French Journal of Ophthalmology</i>	<i>Optometry &amp; Vision Development</i>
<i>Gerontologist</i>	<i>Optometry and Vision Science</i>
<i>Graefes Archive for Clinical and Experimental Ophthalmology</i>	<i>Optometry &amp; Visual Performance</i>
<i>Indian Journal of Ophthalmology</i>	<i>Progress in Retina and Eye Research</i>
<i>International Ophthalmology</i>	<i>Retina, the Journal of Retinal and Vitreous Diseases</i>
<i>Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science</i>	<i>Review of Optometry</i>
<i>Iranian Journal of Ophthalmology</i>	<i>Revista Brasileira de Oftalmologia</i>
<i>Japanese Journal of Ophthalmology</i>	<i>Spektrum Augenheilkd</i>
<i>Journal of AAPOS</i>	<i>Survey of Ophthalmology</i>
<i>Journal of American Geriatrics Society</i>	<i>Vision Research</i>
<i>Journal of Behavioral Optometry</i>	<i>Visual Neuroscience</i>
<i>Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery</i>	<i>Vision Development and Rehabilitation</i>
<i>Journal of Glaucoma</i>	

2. When multiple authored published articles are submitted for credit, the article will only be considered if the candidate appears as the **first author**. If the article is **over ten years old**, it may be acceptable, but a brief paper describing what changes have taken place on the topic since it was published may also be requested.
3. The Subcommittee Chair will make the decision if a submitted article meets the standards outlined above.

## POSTER AND PAPERS (10 Points each)

1. A **clinical case report poster or paper** written **after** graduation/licensure in Optometry will be considered, including periods of time when the candidate was a resident. A **research poster or paper** completed prior to the graduation/licensure may be accepted. Presentations that were made at the **Residents Day Program of the Academy meeting** may be accepted for points as well.
2. A poster or paper may be accepted if it was presented at a peer-reviewed meeting from which the content is archived and citable, and as approved by the Academy's Inter-Professional Scientific Review Committee and the Admittance Committee. The following organizations/meetings listed below who have successfully completed the review process. Please note that the Admittance Committee will still review each document submitted for final approval of points.
  - American Academy of Optometry (AAO)
  - Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)
  - American Optometric Association (AOA)

*Only able to accept from 2012 and forward:*

  - Global Specialty Lens Symposium (GSLs)

*Only able to accept from 2014 and forward:*

  - College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD)

*Only able to accept from 2017 and forward:*

  - Heart of America (HOA)

*Only able to accept from 2018 and forward:*

  - Southeastern Educational Congress of Optometry (SECO)
3. Posters and papers must be presented at an approved venue prior to granting points towards Fellowship, e.g. A Candidate cannot use a poster/paper being presented at the same Academy meeting where he/she is sitting for the oral exam.
4. When a multiple authored poster or paper is submitted for credit, it will only be considered if the candidate appears as the **first**. A poster or paper over ten years old may not be accepted.
5. The Subcommittee Chair will make the decision if a submitted article meets the standards outlined above.
6. An electronic copy of the paper and/or poster will be required.

## ACADEMY LECTURE (10 Points each)

1. A unique lecture given within the past ten years at an Annual or International meeting of the Academy may be accepted if:
  - a. Candidate was sole presenter of a one-hour lecture.
  - b. Candidate presented for at least one hour of a two-hour lecture.
2. Documentation of successful completion of the lecture with dates and location must be provided along with a description of the lecture.

### **RESIDENCY OR OTHER GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL DEGREE** (20 Points maximum)

1. Candidate must document completion of a residency program accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education, or post-baccalaureate degree other than an OD (e.g., MS, MPH, MBA, MEd, PhD) in a vision science related curriculum affiliated with an accredited college or university.
2. Documentation of the successful completion of the program with dates of attendance and location must be provided along with a description of the scope of the program.
3. Copies of any research reports, case reports, thesis, etc., completed within the program may be requested by the Subcommittee Chair.

### **LEADERSHIP CONTRIBUTION** (10 Points maximum)

1. While most candidates are in positions that inherently require leadership skills, points for leadership will only be awarded for activities at the national or state level outside of the scope of the candidate's regular compensated position. Leadership points will only be awarded for those candidates who can document a sustained record of highly significant contributions to the profession or vision science that resulted from the individual's leadership positions.
2. Candidates with accomplishments that might make them eligible for leadership points should seek preliminary approval from the Subcommittee Chair by submitting the organization(s) served, the dates of service, the leadership position(s) and a statement outlining the significant contribution(s) to the profession.
3. After receiving preliminary approval from the Subcommittee Chair, the candidate must complete a 1,200-word essay that demonstrates to the satisfaction of the committee that significant contributions to the profession or vision science resulted from the individual's leadership activities within the position.

### **PROFESSIONALLY RELATED BOOK** (20 Points maximum)

1. A book published in one or more of the following or *similar* types of professionally related books: *Applied Science, Optometric Education, Optometric Management, Clinical Optometry* or other.
2. When multiple authored published books are submitted for credit, an explanation of the candidate's role in writing the book must be provided in order for the book to be considered. If

the book is **over ten years old**, it may be acceptable, but a paper describing what changes have taken place on the topic since it was published may also be requested.

3. The Subcommittee Chair will make the decision if a submitted book meets the standards outlined above.