

PROPOSED RULE MARKUP

CHAPTER V

ARTICLE III - Internship Program

Section 1 -

The internship shall consist of at least 100 hours of supervised clinical training in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of conditions of the human eye, lid and adnexa.

Section 2 -

The internship program shall be conducted under the supervision of a board-certified ophthalmologist. Each ophthalmologist shall certify the hours attained under his supervision by the intern (optometrist) in the area specified in Section 1 above. The intern (optometrist) shall log his or her hours in the logbook provided by the State Board of Optometry. The Arkansas State Board of Optometry shall certify that each intern (optometrist) has met the 100-hour minimum training in the area specified in Section 1 above.

Section 3 -

- A. After the Board has been notified that the applicant for a license as an optometric physician, has successfully completed the State Board Test on general and ocular therapy and pharmacology and the State Board Test on jurisprudence, the applicant will have ninety (90) days to complete the 100-hour internship program and provide proof of said completion to the Board office.
- B. An extension of an additional ninety (90) days may be granted to an applicant to complete the internship program, upon the applicant requesting the extension from the Board prior to the first ninety (90) day time period lapsing and the Board finding good cause to grant said extension.
- C. If the applicant fails to complete the internship program within the time frame set forth herein, then the Board shall deny the application for licensure as an optometric physician. The applicant may re-apply for licensure at a later time and complete all testing and intern requirements for licensure.