

Pennsylvania Optometric Association's Children's Vision Education Program

The Pennsylvania Optometric Association (POA) has partnered with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of School Health to provide a Children's Vision Education Program that is **approved for Act 48 Credits**. Through its statewide membership, POA will be offering free education programs to school nurses across Pennsylvania, both on a regional and school district level. The education program is appropriate for in-service days and other educational meetings.

Education Program Details

This program (usually a 2-hour presentation, allowing for a question and answer period) addresses the importance of vision to learning as well as how school vision screenings and comprehensive eye and vision examinations work hand-in-hand to serve the visual needs of Pennsylvania's children. Highlights include:

- The Development of Vision
- Vision Skills Related to Learning
- Signs, Symptoms and Treatment Options for Children's Vision Problems

The program is also suited for teachers, diagnostic reading specialists, administrative staff, support staff and parents.

Act 48 Credits

This program, "**Children's Vision: A Guide for School Nurses & Teachers**," has been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of School Health for Act 48 Credits. Your school district may facilitate the logistics of registering credits for the nurses. If your school district will not facilitate this process, credit hour approval will be authorized by your Department of Health School Health Consultant using the Pennsylvania Department of Education Records Management Site (www.act48hours.com) and a Registration Form provided by the optometrist at the education program.

How To Schedule an Education Program

For information or to schedule a program, contact Deborah Blanchard at the POA office at Deb@poaeyes.org or (717) 233-6455. POA will coordinate a local member optometrist to present the program to your group and facilitate contact between the coordinating school nurse and the optometrist.

Speakers may not be available initially in all school districts; however, POA will work to see that all areas are served by a POA member as soon as possible.

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