

August 8 – 10, 2025

LASER CONFERENCE

Omni Richmond Richmond, Virginia

Elevate Your Practice with Advanced Laser Education

Join fellow optometric professionals for cutting-edge clinical education, hands-on training and networking opportunities. Gain essential laser skills that will enhance your scope of practice. ODs who desire to utilize lasers in Virginia will be required to pass a laser certification course, examination and submit an application to the state board prior to performing any laser procedures.

Certification Course: August 8-9

16 Hours of Hands on CE & a Written Exam

Already passed the laser course & want a refresher?

Refresher Course: August 10*

For those who have already completed laser training and certification.

*If this course sells out, we will open a second on August 11.

Conference Highlights

Hands-On Workshops with Laser Simulation

Laser Procedures Training

Lectures from Leading Optometric Surgeons

Industry Exhibits and Networking Opportunities

Hands-On Training and Peer Collaboration

**REGISTRATION
OPEN NOW!**

Accommodation details found on page 2.

CERTIFICATION COURSE

August 8-9, 2025

2-Day Laser Certification Course includes hands-on and written exam (16 hours of CE, NOT COPE approved) that will be needed if a VA Licensed OD wishes to perform YAG Cap, PI, and SLT. **Space is LIMITED!**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

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| 8:00 am | Breakfast and Exhibits |
| 8:30 am | Laser Physics and Tissues Interactions |
| 10:30 am | Coffee and Exhibits |
| 11:00 am | Introduction to Laser Lab |
| 1:00 pm | Lunch and Exhibits |
| 2:00 pm | Gonioscopy, Goinoscopy, Gonioscopy |
| 3:00 pm | Laser Therapy In Open Angle |
| 5:00 pm | Laser Therapy for Angle Closure |

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

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| 8:00 am | Breakfast and Exhibits |
| 8:30 am | YAG Capsulotomy |
| 9:30 am | Managing Laser Complications |
| 10:30 am | Medicolegal Aspect of Anterior Segment Laser Procedures: Panel |
| 11:30 am | Lunch and Exhibits |
| 12:30 pm | Laser Labs |
| 4:30 pm | Laser Course Exam |

REFRESHER COURSE

August 10, 2025*

Refresher Course is offered to those who have **previously** passed the Laser Certification Course and Test. These courses qualify for Virginia CE Credits, but are NOT COPE approved courses. **Space is LIMITED!**

*If the Refresher Course sells out, we will open a second Refresher Course on Monday, August 11th following the same schedule.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

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| 8:00 am | Breakfast |
| 8:30 am | Lasers in Optometry Lecture (SLT, YAG cap, and PI) |
| 12:30 pm | Lunch and Exhibits |
| 1:30 pm | Laser in Optometry Hands on Lab (SLT, YAG cap and PI) |
| 4:30 pm | Close |

SPEAKER: NATHAN LIGHTHIZER, OD, FAAO

Born and raised in Bismarck, ND, Nate Lighthizer, OD, FAAO, is a graduate of Pacific University College of Optometry. Upon graduation, he completed a residency in Family Practice Optometry with an emphasis in Ocular Disease and Laser and Surgical Optometry through Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry (NSUOCO). Dr. Lighthizer has since joined the faculty at the Oklahoma College of Optometry and has served as the Chief of Specialty Care Clinics and the Chief of Electrodiagnostics Clinic. In 2014, he founded and now heads the Dry Eye Clinic at the College of Optometry. Also in 2014, he was named the Director of Continuing Education as well as the Assistant Dean for Clinical Care Services at the Oklahoma College of Optometry. Starting in 2020, he was named the Associate Dean of the NSU Oklahoma College of Optometry. In July 2024, he was named the Dean of the Oklahoma College of Optometry. He is a founding member, and currently serves as Immediate Past President, of the Intrepid Eye Society which is a group of emerging thought leaders in optometry. He was named a member of PCON 250—a list of the top 250 optometrists in the country.

ACCOMODATIONS

Please contact the Omni Richmond at (804) 344-7000 and mention the VOA Laser Conference to make your reservations, or visit the online booking link [here](#). The VOA discounted rate is \$177 per night, plus appropriate taxes. Valet parking discounted to \$30 per vehicle per night. Rates are applicable August 7 – 10, 2025. The number of rooms at this rate are limited. All reservations must be made no later than July 15, 2025. Check-in begins at 3:00 pm and checkout time is 12:00 pm. All reservations must be guaranteed by a valid major credit card. Reservation details found on hotel website.



VOA LASER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Register online or complete the registration form and submit with payment to:

Mail To: VOA • P.O. Box 29069 • Henrico, VA 23242-0069

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| Name for Badge: _____ | |
| Address: _____ | OE Tracker #: _____ |
| City: _____ | State: _____ Zip: _____ |
| Cell: _____ | Email: _____ |
| Emergency Contact: _____ | Phone: _____ |

Certification Course: (Includes all CE and meals listed below. Must register for meals by July 7. No exceptions.)

☐ **\$900 - VOA/AOA Member**

☐ **\$1800 - Non-AOA Member**

The following events are included in your registration, please indicate which you will be attending:

Friday

☐ 8:00 am Breakfast and exhibits

☐ 1:00 pm Lunch and Exhibits

Saturday

☐ 8:00 am Breakfast and Exhibits

☐ 11:30 am Lunch and Exhibits

Register online!
www.thevoa.org/laser

Refresher Course: (Includes all CE and meals listed below. Must register for meals by July 7. No exceptions.)

☐ **\$500 - VOA/AOA Member**

☐ **\$1,000 - Non-AOA Member**

The following events are included in your registration, please indicate which you will be attending:

Sunday*

☐ 8:00 am Breakfast

☐ 12:30 pm Lunch and Exhibits

* If the Sunday Refresher Course sells out, we will open a second Refresher Course offered **Monday, August 11th**.

☐ \$50 Late Fee (Registrations after July 7)

Additional Options

\$_____ Legal-Legislative Fund Contribution (**\$250 suggested per O.D. for 2025**)

To contribute to VOPAC, visit www.thevoa.org/vopac-llf (**\$750 suggested per O.D. for 2025**)

\$_____ **Total Registration Fees Enclosed**

Special Services to Comply with American Disabilities Act:

☐ Check if you need special services to fully participate. Attach a written description of needs so we may contact you. Please notify the VOA by **July 15th**.

☐ Dietary Considerations / Allergies: _____

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