

ACE 2026 FAQs

Overview: This is IJCAHPO's 54th ACE (Annual Continuing Education) Program. It is ***the Premier Event in Eye Care Education!***

1. Location:

Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Two Poydras St, New Orleans, LA 70130 (See pg 32 in the bulletin for classroom maps)

2. Dates:

October 9-11, 2026 (with Exam Prep Courses for COA, COT, and COMT held Thursday, October 8)

3. What time do on-site courses begin/end?

Courses start at 8:00 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m.

4. Cost:

3-Day On-Site Package costs \$275 for a Certified individual when purchased prior to the start of the program and **this year comes with FREE virtual courses**. See Pricing Information on bulletin pg 10 for full details. (you may purchase the virtual package with a 1- or 2-day on-site package for an additional fee)

*Anyone enrolled in the virtuals will receive ALL 28 courses. You can choose which ones to complete and will only receive credits for completed courses

5. How many credits can I earn?

You can earn up to **21** credits on-site by attending courses each hour each of the three days along with the Stein Lecture and Capstone Lectures.

The Virtual On-Demand Program will offer 28 courses. You can take as many or as few courses as you want.

You can get up to **25** if you add a CORE certification examination prep course on Thursday.

You can get an additional **2** if you join for trivia on Friday evening. (See pg 12 in the bulletin for details)

6. Where do I get my tickets?

Before you get to ACE, make sure all your on-site courses are selected and in your account.

Once on-site, you can pick up your registration packets (that contain your course tickets), at the first-floor registration counter. (See pg 32 in the bulletin for map)

7. When will On-Demand courses be available?

On-Demand courses will be available from September 29 at 8:00 a.m. Central to November 5 at 11:59 p.m. Central. You can take them at any time of day between those two dates/times. [Access My Courses.](#)

8. Do I have a pre-requisite course?

Possibly! This year's ACE program has 4 on-site courses that require certain pre-requisite courses. (See pg 7 in the bulletin for details) Pre-requisite courses must be **completed prior to ACE**. They are available in your account from July 31- October 8. [Access My Courses.](#)

9. When will CE credits be posted to transcripts?

- Credits for the on-site program will be posted 8-10 weeks after the program.
- Credits for on-demand courses should be posted to transcripts within 24 hours of course completion.

IJCAHPO cannot provide verification of credits prior to their posting. (See Bulletin Pg 6)

10. Are any courses approved for Nursing (CA BRN) Credit?

Yes, however, not all courses are approved for CA BRN. In the bulletin, a course with an ***** in the categories at a glance (**pgs 24, 25, & 28**) means it **IS** approved for CA BRN. (California Board of Registered Nursing CEC)

11. How do we do evaluations for our courses?

- All evaluations for on-site courses are completed on the **IJCAHPO MOBILE APP** (see pgs **6 and 11** of the bulletin). Evals must be completed by November 5, 2026
- All virtual courses require completion of an online evaluation after viewing the course to receive credit

12. How do I book a hotel?

We recommend booking through the AAO housing bureau. We encourage attendees to reserve a room at our hotel, **Hilton Riverside**. Visit: <https://www.aao.org/annual-meeting/hotel-reservation>

13. Is there lunch/breakfast for attendees?

- **ONCE** – On Saturday, October 10 from 7:00-7:45 a.m., IJCAHPO invites attendees to a breakfast symposium held by SunPharma. **Must register in advance to attend.** Stay tuned for more information.
- Why doesn't IJCAHPO provide breakfast/lunch?
 - Helps reduce congestion at location dining facilities so attendees may choose their own break time
 - Allows IJCAHPO to offer a greater number of courses within the same amount of time (7 hour-long courses per day!)
 - Attendees wishing to maximize credits have the option to not take a lunch break.

- IJCAHPO does not provide meals; however, dining options are available within the hotel. Review your schedule prior to arriving on-site and plan when and where you will eat.

14. What else is NEW this year?

- 44 new courses on-site (at least one new course every hour)
- 14 new courses in the virtual program
- SunPharma Breakfast Symposium (Saturday morning at 7:00 am -must register)
- LAL Panel by RxSight – 11:45-12:45 pm Saturday
- Trivia! (see pg 12 for details) [Register here!](#)
- SIX total Exam Prep Courses! (Core courses on Thursday – COA, COT, COMT) – now ROUB and CDOS are split into two different courses. CRT course being held for the first time.