

## **Vision Source® BrainStream Diabetes Practice Protocols Program Continuing Education (CE) Credit Information**

Vision Source® is a provider of CE, but does not approve CE for credit. As a subsidiary of the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO), the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE) provides an authorization process through which a CE course may receive COPE accreditation. However, COPE accreditation does not automatically assure CE credit approval for a particular course. State licensing boards are the entities that approve optometry CE courses for CE credit.

A participant who attended Part 1 or 2 of the live program will be recognized through the ARBO's Optometric Education (OE) Tracker system as completing one hour of live COPE accredited continuing education (CE). A participant who attended both parts of the live program will be recognized in similar fashion as completing one hour per part (two hours total) of live COPE accredited CE.

A participant who attended Part 1 or 2 of the on-line program and passes its respective test will be recognized through the ARBO's OE Tracker system as completing one hour of on-line COPE accredited CE. A participant who successfully completes both parts of the on-line program will be recognized by ARBO as completing one hour per part (two hours total) of on-line COPE accredited CE. Note, to receive COPE accredited on-line CE, a minimum 10 question post-course test must be passed with a score of 70% or greater.

A participant who attended Part 1 of the live program live, and also passes the test for Part 1 of the on-line program will be recognized through the ARBO's OE Tracker system as completing one hour of live and one hour of on-line COPE accredited CE. The same is true for Part 2. CE credit approval for participation in like parts of both the live and on-line program is determined by participant's respective state optometry licensing board.

Immediately following on-line program test completion, notification will automatically appear informing the participant of their result. A failed test may be repeated as many times as needed until a passing grade is received.

After an on-line program test is passed, the information is automatically provided to the University of Houston College of Optometry (UHCO). The UHCO assumes responsibility for validating test requirement fulfillment, and when achieved sends the participant a letter certifying course completion. Printed on UHCO letterhead, this letter is the official course completion document to be used for providing CE credit certification evidence to entities requiring proof (e.g.: ARBO, State Boards of Optometry). The UHCO reviews the test completion results at least every 30 days. In addition, Distinctive Education, LLC (serving as the courses' required COPE 3<sup>rd</sup> party administrator) receives completed course information from the UHCO, and submits it to ARBO for posting to their OE Tracker system.

For questions regarding:

- Letter certifying course completion - contact the UHCO Office of Optometry Relations at 713.743.1900 or [onlinece@uh.edu](mailto:onlinece@uh.edu).
- OE Tracker system submission - contact Distinctive Education, LLC at 850.479.7379 x 1111 or [marketing@distinctivestrategies.com](mailto:marketing@distinctivestrategies.com).
- Optometry CE credit approval & receipt questions - contact the appropriate state optometry licensing board.