

Press Release

TERESA BEAVER EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

In recognition of professional excellence, the American Optometric Association's Commission on Paraoptometric Certification announces that <u>Teresa Beaver</u> has successfully completed the first level of AOA's national paraoptometric certification program and has earned the title of Certified Paraoptometric (CPO). <u>Teresa</u> now joins the growing ranks of more than 6000 certified paraoptometrics in the nation. <u>She</u> has proven the level of required knowledge of optometric practice in areas of practice management, anatomy of the eye, eye examinations, refractive status, ophthalmic prescription, ophthalmic lenses, ophthalmic dispensing, contact lenses, eye disorders and terminology.

All those that pass the CPO certification exam have also met the requirements of work and school experience and are required to attain continuing professional development to maintain their certification. AOA's CPC program is the only professional certification for paraoptometrics that is recognized worldwide. The CPC exams are offered four times per year in February, April, August and December at 24 regional sites and at various state/regional meetings throughout the U.S. The American Optometric Association is the acknowledged leader and recognized authority for primary eye and vision care in the world. AOA's mission is to advance the profession of optometry and serve optometrists in meeting the eye care needs of the public by centering on improving the quality and availability of eye and vision care. Optometrists and other professionals look to AOA for professional standards, research and education leadership, which serve to enhance and ensure competent, quality patient care.

Teresa is employed by Doctor Angela Howell OD at Dr. Angela Howell OD, Piggott Eye Clinic located in Piggott, AR.