

# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Charlotte, NC, February 19, 2013** – The National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Nicole Stefani as Director of Clinical Testing Examiner and SP Training for the National Center of Clinical Testing in Optometry (NCCTO).

Dr. Jack E. Terry, Executive Director, made the announcement today, citing Dr. Stefani's "...outstanding level of experience and demonstrated leadership qualities to clinical testing at the National Board as well as service to optometry."

Dr. Stefani has served as an In-House Examiner (IHE) since the NCCTO opened and has served on the Part III CSE Council. She is a Member of the American Optometric Association and is the president of her local optometry society.

Dr. Stefani did her undergraduate studies at Ithaca College, majoring in Biology. She received her Doctor of Optometry from the State University of New York College of Optometry in 2002. She has practiced in New York City, San Francisco, and is now happy to call South Carolina home.

Dr. Stefani will assume her new position on February 19, 2013. As Director, Dr. Stefani primarily will be responsible for evaluating inter-examiner scoring variability at the Station, Skill, and Item levels and to develop educational methods (including personal outreach and joint Examiner webinars) to reduce variability, assisting in the development of Part III CSE Committee and Council documents that emphasize quality assurance and scoring consistency, development of Procedure Manuals for NCCTO activities, reviewing and updating the web documents and videos in an ongoing and timely basis, ongoing QA analysis of Candidate Survey data, and assistance with appeal investigations and reports.

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