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COSMETIC TREATMENTS

A Guide to Doctor Credentials and Why They Really Matter

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With so many aesthetic terms, experts and offerings, what is a patient to do? Step one: Find a specialist with proper certification who is in good standing. These experts prove that qualifications and training do matter.

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All aesthetic experts complete four years of college, and the core four specialists pass a specialty-specific exam of medical knowledge, clinical knowledge and skills to become board-certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties. Cosmetic dentists do not receive board-certifications, but still belong to certain elite medical societies.

Oculoplastic Surgeon

Training and Experience:

- 4 years of medical school
- 3-year residency
- 2 years of advanced fellowship training in ophthalmic, plastic, orbit and reconstructive surgery

Board Certification:

American Board of Ophthalmology

Society:

- American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (ASOPRS)

"I am very active in ongoing education and attend several major meetings per year to keep up with all the latest technology." —*Woodbury, NY oculoplastic surgeon* [Q David Schlessinger, MD](#)

