Optometry Description

Optometrists are the major providers of primary eye care in the U.S. They examine the eyes for vision problems, disease, and other abnormal conditions. They test for proper depth and color perception, the ability to coordinate and focus the eyes, and they prescribe lenses and/or treatments including glasses, contact lenses, corrective eye exercises, therapy, and in some states, therapeutic drugs for specific diseases.

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American Academy of Optometry (AAO)
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Applying to Optometry School
Army Ophthalmologist Career
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College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD)
Eye on Optometry Blog
Financial Aid Information
Illinois College of Optometry Focus on Your Future Summer Program (click on "View More Info" under "Focus on Your Future")
Illinois College of Optometry Interview Day
Massachusetts Society of Optometrists (MSO)
National Eye Institute (NEI) Summer Internship Program
National Optometric Association (NOA)
National Optometric Student Association (NOSA)
Ohio State University College of Optometry Improving Diversity in Optometric Careers (I-DOC)
Optometric Extension Program Foundation
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Optometry Student Profile and Prerequisites
OptometryStudents.com
Pick the Right Optometry School
Scholarship and Grant Resources
State Optometric Associations
SUNY College of Optometry Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP) for Underrepresented Minority Students (for NY residents)
SUNY College of Optometry Tour Tuesdays (third Tuesday of every month)
Things I Wish I Had Known Before My First Day of Optometry School
University of California, Berkeley School of Optometry Friday Visitation Program
University of California, Berkeley School of Optometry Opto-Camp
University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry Summer Optometry Institute
Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH) International Volunteer Opportunities
What Do Doctors of Optometry Do?
(Additional optometry links are located on the "Resources" page. Scroll down to “Explore Even More,” click on “Health Professions Links” and select “Optometry.”)

Degree
O.D.

Program Length
4 years

Professional Schools' Organization
ASCO (Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry)
Optometry Schools
Schools and Colleges of Optometry

Application Service
OptomCAS (Optometry Centralized Application Service)

Academic Admission Requirements
Minimum three years; BA or BS preferred; two semesters General Chemistry; one to two semesters Organic Chemistry; two semesters each of Physics, Biology, Math. Microbiology, Psychology, English (specific additional requirements recommended by individual schools).
Prerequisites
Links to prerequisites for each U.S. optometry school are found at the bottom of the Choosing Your Courses page.

Admission Exam
OAT (Optometry Admission Test)
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