

The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Student



Handbook



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

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CURRICULUM INFORMATION

The college's optometry program is 10 semesters over four years. The curriculum begins with basic sciences, transitions to clinical courses, and concludes with a rich patient-based experience. Pre-clinical optometry courses cover the areas of general optometry and optometric specialties. Clinical courses provide the opportunity to work with patients in primary vision care and special services. Patient care begins in the first year, expands in the second and third years, and is nearly full time throughout the fourth year. Three extern programs in the fourth year provide hands-on exposure to co-management clinics, VA hospitals, ophthalmology clinics, primary care and community practice settings, and other facilities.

The curriculum grid is located at:

<https://optometry.osu.edu/sites/default/files/PDFs/CurriculumGrid20160622.pdf>

This document is intended to give students a snapshot of the program, but the optometry curriculum is constantly being improved. For example, the content and sequence may be slightly different by the time you reach a given year of the program. This is part of the College's commitment to provide its graduates with the best education possible.

For a description of material covered in each course, please take a look at our listing at:

<https://optometry.osu.edu/curriculum-information>

This information is also available on the University Registrar's website at:

Course Bulletin: <http://registrar.osu.edu/courses/index.asp>

Master Schedule:

https://courses.osu.edu/psp/csosuct/EMPLOYEE/PUB/c/COMMUNITY_ACCESS.CLASS_SEARCH.GBL

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND POLICIES

MINIMUM SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS

The faculty of the College of Optometry has established standards and policies pertaining to the academic performance of optometry students. All rules as listed in the University Master Schedule and Code of Student Conduct apply as do the College's Honor Code and Professionalism Policy. Only those courses that are part of the optometry professional program curriculum are included in the calculation of point-hour ratios for students enrolled in the College of Optometry.

The sequential nature of the Doctor of Optometry program requires that a student be enrolled in a specific year of the four-year curriculum. All courses in a particular year must be successfully completed before entering the subsequent year's curriculum. Therefore, a student who receives an "E" or "U" grade in any course will not be allowed to continue into the next year of the program until the course is successfully completed. The student will also not be eligible to take any courses that list the failed course as a requisite until the failed course is successfully completed.

A student repeating coursework due to receiving an "E" or "U" grade must retake, for graded credit, any other of that semester's or term's course(s) in which s/he received a "D" grade and must officially audit or retake for graded credit, as prescribed by the Executive Committee, all of the other courses during the semesters or terms s/he is repeating.

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If a student receives two or more of any of the following grades, “D”, “E”, “U”, or “I/E”, during the program, s/he is eligible for dismissal.

Students with a “D”, “E”, “U”, or “I/E” grade will be notified of their academic standing by the College, in writing. Such notifications will include a clear statement of what will be required of the student academically in order to avoid dismissal.

If a student’s cumulative point-hour ratio at the end of spring semester of the second year of the program or beyond is less than 2.00, s/he is eligible for dismissal. If s/he is retained in the program, no advancement into clinical care is permitted until the cumulative point-hour ratio exceeds 2.00. The student’s individualized academic plan will be prescribed by the Executive Committee.

If at any time the behavior of a student is inappropriate or unsatisfactory, the Executive Committee of the College of Optometry can, after deliberate review, dismiss the student from the College of Optometry. Conditions for retention will be determined by the Executive Committee.

Written notice of dismissal from the College or University will be sent by the Dean of the College of Optometry to the student.

A dismissed optometry student may petition the Executive Committee to be reinstated. Conditions for reinstatement will be determined by the Executive Committee. Failure to meet these conditions will result in eligibility for dismissal.

Approved by Executive Committee: 4/10/13

REMEDICATION OF CLINICAL COURSE WORK (REVISED 4/13)

POLICY:

The remediation process for clinical coursework is mandatory when a student demonstrates “insufficient clinical skills,” defined as “often performs below expectations with frequent misjudgment or technical error,” **as determined by the instructor of record** as of the penultimate Friday of the quarter/semester. The process begins with the selection of a remediation committee.

PROCEDURES:

Remediation Committee:

The ad hoc Remediation Committee is appointed by the Associate Dean or other College administrator with jurisdiction over the professional program and consists of: (1) The instructor of record; (2) another faculty member with an optometry degree who will serve as the Remediation Committee chairman; (3) the Associate Dean or other College administrator with jurisdiction over the professional program; and (4) a representative of the Office of Student Services, who will serve as a non-voting member. The Remediation Committee is appointed, meets, and initiates the remediation program in a timely fashion.

The Remediation Committee is charged to work in the best interest of the student, the faculty, the institution, and its patients to plan a remediation program designed to raise the student’s performance above the minimum competency level to the satisfaction of the instructor of record for the clinic course in which the insufficient clinical skills performance was identified. This process will involve multiple sources of feedback and will operate with respect for student confidentiality.

Remediation of Clinical Coursework:

When a student is identified for remediation of clinical coursework, the instructor of record will assign the student an “I” (Incomplete) for the course, and the alternate grade will be an “E” for the course. The Remediation Committee will establish the remediation program and will determine the period of time for the remediation process. Examples of remediation activities include but are not limited to: 1) sessions discussing critical thinking and decision making; 2) training of clinical skills and techniques; 3) extra clinical patient care assignments; and/or

4) completion of written assignments to demonstrate adequate knowledge in specific clinical areas. When the remediation is successfully completed, the instructor of record will change the I/E to a final grade of "C-". If the student does not successfully complete the remediation, the final grade will be an "E" for the course.

From spring quarter/semester of the third year of the professional program on, an assessment of insufficient clinical skills will require an additional quarter(s) or semester(s) to successfully complete all graduation requirements. All students identified for remediation will have specific assignments to complete in addition to their normal optometric curricular requirements.

The remediation plan will be signed by the Chairman of the Remediation Committee and by the student, and a copy will be given to the Remediation Committee members, the Dean, the Assistant Dean for Clinical Services, the Service Chief associated with the clinic course in question (if different than the instructor of record), and the student.

The student's progress will be documented in written reports submitted by the Remediation Committee chair to the aforementioned individuals at mid-quarter/semester. A final report documenting the student's successful or unsuccessful remediation will be issued at the end of the grading period in which the remediation took place.

In the case of an I/E grade in the professional program for an OD/MS student, the OD/MS student's advisor will be notified. The advisor will then help the student manage graduate work during the remediation. One I/E grade in a clinical course in the professional program makes the student eligible for dismissal from the OD/MS program. The advisor will be invited to the Remediation Committee meetings, after which he or she will discuss the option of dismissal with the Research and Graduate Studies Committee. The Research and Graduate Studies Committee will ultimately decide whether to dismiss the student from the OD/MS program.

Approved by the Executive Committee 4/10/13

ACADEMIC POLICIES

Class and Laboratory Attendance/Absence

It is the responsibility of the student to attend all lectures and laboratories. Students must attend their assigned laboratories unless given permission by the instructor to switch. The student is responsible for all material covered. Students should consult their instructors for course-specific attendance and absence expectations.

Exam Absence/Final Exams

To pass a course, completion of all exams is required. If a student has an **emergency** (determined by valid documentation from a physician or other official), s/he must directly and immediately contact the instructor for permission to be absent from an exam. With permission from the instructor, make-up exams can be available and will be either written or oral in format as determined by the instructor. Without exception, any student that is absent from a regularly scheduled exam without appropriate documentation will receive a zero for that exam.

Final examinations are scheduled at the close of each course, except in laboratory and seminar courses where they are optional. Final exam schedules are arranged by the college office for those courses in which only students in the College of Optometry are enrolled. Each semester's final exam schedule will be made available to students as soon as it is finalized (typically two to three weeks prior to the end of the term). Examinations for non-Optometry courses are scheduled by the University Scheduling Office.

Marking and Point Systems

The grades used by the College of Optometry and their equivalent points are: A (4.00), A- (3.70), B+ (3.30), B (3.00), B- (2.70), C+ (2.30), C (2.00), C- (1.70), D+ (1.30), D (1.00), E (failed, no points). Other marks which may be used are EM, I, K, NP, P, PA, R, S, U, or W. See [faculty rule 335-8-21 Marks \(http://trustees.osu.edu/rules/university-rules/chapter-3335-8-instruction.html\)](http://trustees.osu.edu/rules/university-rules/chapter-3335-8-instruction.html) for a complete definition of marks.

Report of Marks

Upon completion of the course requirements, marks for every student are reported to the Office of the University Registrar in accord with deadlines listed in the semesterly Master Schedule of Classes. This office maintains the student's official permanent record and is responsible for issuing a semesterly grade report (via the student center) to each student.

Policy on Student Calculator Use in Examinations (Approved: 04/06/2011)

This policy establishes what calculators can be used during any examinations, if the instructor of record allows for the use of calculators during an examination in a course. It was established to ensure that no students are unfairly advantaged or disadvantaged by type of calculator they use.

Calculator use is restricted to calculators that are non-programmable and have no connectivity. Allowable calculators include the TI-30Xa, TI-30X IIS, TI-34 II, and TI-36X. Any calculator in the TI-30 series or with a similar level of functionality is permissible. **Students whose calculators are not in the TI-30 series must have their calculators approved by the instructor at the beginning of the term.**

In addition, no other electronic devices are allowed during examinations. This includes mobile phones, PDAs, iPods, MP3 players, etc. This applies even if only calculator functions on those devices are being used. Any exceptions to this policy must be explicitly approved by the instructor in advance of the exam. A violation of this policy constitutes a violation of the Honor Code.

Withdrawal from the Doctor of Optometry program

A student who desires to withdraw from the college must apply to the dean for permission to withdraw. No student may withdraw within two weeks of the beginning of final examinations unless the reports of his or her instructors show that his or her record as of that date is satisfactory. If you are considering withdrawing from the college, please feel free to consult with staff in the Office of Student Services for pertinent information before submitting your request for permission to withdraw to the dean.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Attending The Ohio State University creates a financial obligation. It is important that students understand and acknowledge the financial responsibilities associated with attendance. Financial responsibility terms and conditions are available at <https://busfin.osu.edu/student-policies-and-procedures>.

Students participating in financial aid programs may be subject to the university's satisfactory academic progress (SAP) policy. For more information on financial aid programs that are subject to this policy and the policy itself, please visit <https://sfa.osu.edu/contact-us/consumer-disclosure/satisfactory-academic-progress-policy>. Failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress requirements as stated in the policy can result in suspension of financial aid.

If you have any questions about financial responsibility or financial aid, please see Justin Griest in the Student Services Office, A426 Starling-Loving, or 292-8825.

PROFESSIONALISM POLICY

Background

At The Ohio State University College of Optometry, we value developing professional attitudes and behaviors among our students. Therefore, it is important to adopt a formal policy regarding professionalism used to assist in student development. Additionally, a professionalism policy correlates with the Ohio State College of Optometry Strategic Plan 2008-2013 and the mission of the college.

Professionalism Policy

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Consistent with becoming a member of the professional optometric community, all students must demonstrate professional behavior within the Doctor of Optometry program. Professional behavior is expected among students throughout all classrooms, laboratories and clinics. These behaviors include interactions with fellow students, faculty, staff and patients. Ohio State College of Optometry students will be expected to demonstrate professional conduct in the following areas:

- Accountability
- Respect
- Honesty
- Integrity
- Communication (verbal, written, & electronic)
- Adherence to policies and procedures

Classroom, lab, and clinic faculty may create specific professional behavior expectations for each course, lab, or clinic within their course syllabi. Examples of expected behaviors as well as consequences of unprofessional conduct should be made explicit.

The Professionalism Policy is not meant to replace or subvert the college's Honor Code (<http://optometry.osu.edu/pdf/HonorCode.pdf>). Actions resulting in suspicions of cheating, academic misconduct, misrepresentation to patients, unprofessional practice of optometry, or breach of clinic legal policies will be referred to the Honor Council.

Distribution

Each college syllabus must include the following statement: At the Ohio State College of Optometry, our faculty and staff value developing professional attitudes and behaviors among our students. As such, students must abide by the Ohio State College of Optometry Professionalism Policy.

Approved by Executive Committee on 5/3/12

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Issues of academic misconduct within the College of Optometry are handled through the college Honor Code (Rule 3335-5-54 of the Administrative Code).

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY HONOR CODE

The profession of optometry, like all health care professions, requires of its members a code of ethics and a standard of professional behavior which will meet the demands of the public and the standards of the academic and scientific community. In an effort to abide by these codes of behavior the students of The Ohio State University College of Optometry have established an Honor Code. To view the full text of the Code, go to: <http://go.osu.edu/CollegeOfOptometryHonorCode>

Please see a Student Services staff member if you have any questions about the information about academic rights and responsibilities that are contained in the Ohio State College of Optometry Honor Code.

UNIVERSITY CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

The Ohio State University Code of Student Conduct is designed to foster and protect the core missions of the university, to foster the scholarly and civic development of the university's students in a safe and secure learning environment, and to protect the people, properties and processes that support the university and its missions. As a student at Ohio State, it is important that you are familiar with the details of the Code of Student Conduct. You may access the revised University Code of Student Conduct at the following website: <http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/csc/>

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For any questions about the information included in the Code of Student Conduct, please contact the University Office of Student Conduct at 292-0748 or visit the following website: <http://studentconduct.osu.edu/>

STUDENT GRIEVANCES

Students who have grievances related to their enrollment in the College of Optometry (e.g., academic or personal concerns) may pursue a variety of options to seek resolution. It is usually best for all concerned to try to resolve any dispute or grievance as directly as possible, with the person(s) most closely involved with the problem. If this does not produce an acceptable outcome, students are encouraged to contact a Student Services staff member for advice and assistance (Fourth floor Starling Loving Hall, 292-2647). In some cases, students with grievances may request to meet with the College Executive Committee (the Dean, Associate and Assistant Deans). Beyond the college, students may also contact the Student Advocacy Center, 292-1111, 1120 Lincoln Tower, <http://advocacy.osu.edu/>, for assistance on a range of issues including academic and conduct-related concerns.

GRADUATION INFORMATION

To be eligible to receive the Doctor of Optometry degree, a candidate must:

- complete the general admission requirements;
- complete the prescribed courses of the professional curriculum;
- achieve a minimum cumulative point -hour ratio of 2.00 on all courses undertaken at this university; and
- achieve a minimum cumulative point -hour ratio of 2.00 on all courses in the optometry curriculum.

Graduation With Honors

The honors designation of *cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, or *summa cum laude* is conferred upon selected graduates of the College of Optometry. These designations are awarded to those graduates who have achieved superior scholarship on the basis of their academic record in the College. The cumulative point-hour ratio required for the degree *cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, or *summa cum laude* is determined annually. Because the grade point criteria for these awards may vary from year to year, please contact the College Office of Student Services for current information.

Commencement/Convocation

University Commencement is scheduled at the close of each semester for the conferring of degrees upon candidates who have fulfilled all the requirements of their respective programs. College of Optometry students typically graduate with their OD degrees in Spring Semester, although alterations to a student's course plan (leave of absence, required course repetition due to course failure) may mean that student would graduate during a semester other than spring. The College holds an annual Doctoral Convocation program preceding the Spring Semester University commencement ceremony. At the Convocation program, students receive their Doctor of Optometry hoods.

Certification

It is important for every student to understand that, while certain curricula are designed for the purpose of achieving registration or certification by an outside agency, or both, completion of such an academic program in no way assures the student of successful registration or certification. No employee, agent, or representative of this University is authorized or empowered to provide such assurances either directly or by implication.

Licensure Requirements

Before obtaining a license to practice optometry in a given state or the District of Columbia, a graduate must pass written and practical examinations given by the Board of Optometry of that state. A number of states accept passing of the written examination of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry in lieu of their own state's written examination. The National Board of Optometry examination is given at testing sites in the United States. The College is accredited; therefore, its graduates are eligible to take optometry board examinations in each of the 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia.

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BOARD EXAMINATIONS

Currently the National Board is given in three parts, during the third and fourth years of the Doctor of Optometry program. Some dates are subject to change. For the latest information, check the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) web site at: www.optometry.org

This site will also contain information about re-examination sessions and law exams administered by NBEO for various states.

PATIENT CARE

The Ohio State University Optometry services are internationally known for their excellence in patient care and research. The faculty attendings within the Optometry Clinics are recognized leaders for their contributions to the advancement of patient care across many specialty areas. The clinic offers comprehensive eye health and vision examinations, in addition to medical eye services for glaucoma, eye injuries, and the treatment and management of ocular disease. Additional specialty services include pediatric vision care, vision training and orthoptics programs, low vision and visual rehabilitation, aniseikonia testing, neuro-optometry, and meeting all eyewear and vision needs.

Ohio State's Optometry Services are open to the public, not just to staff and students at the university. Many optometric services are reimbursable through vision plans or private insurance programs.

Patients who are ordering prescription eyewear may visit the College Eyewear Gallery to choose from a large selection of designer frames and state of the art ophthalmic lenses to maximize their visual clarity. Patients who need specialized occupational or cosmetic lenses, frames and tints will find these available also.

Through the Ohio State University Optometry Services, our student interns are given the opportunity to provide optimal comprehensive vision and eye health care to our patients. Our entire clinic services team strives to tailor our care to meet the individual needs of all of our patients in a caring and professional environment.

CLINIC SERVICES

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The Ohio State University Optometry Clinics offer a variety of services designed to provide quality eye care. These clinic services include the following:

- Primary Vision Care Service
- Advanced Ocular Care Service
- Contact Lens Service
- Vision Rehabilitation Service
- Binocular Vision / Pediatrics Service
- Aniseikonia Service
- Vision Therapy Service
- Environmental Vision Service
- Homebound and Nursing Home Care Service *

** The BuckEYE Van also provides examinations and service to nursing home and home-bound individuals.*

Primary Vision Care Service

The Primary Vision Care Service provides thorough eye examinations, which include a complete medical and visual case history and a comprehensive analysis of ocular health and visual performance. The results of this eye examination will lead to an optimum spectacle prescription for safety and visual performance. A dilated pupil eye examination will also detect the presence of eye diseases, such as cataracts and glaucoma. If additional testing or treatment is indicated, the patient may be referred to one of our specialty services.

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Advanced Ocular Care Service

The Advanced Ocular Care Service provides care for patients with both acute and chronic eye problems. Examples include infections, dry eyes, iritis, cataracts, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy. Urgent care services are available. Existing patients can access these services after hours by calling the paging telephone number. Our special testing facility utilizes state of the art instrumentation needed for the diagnosis and management of many ocular diseases. Faculty in our Advanced Ocular Care Service are experts in diagnosis and treatment of diseases affecting any part of the eye or visual system. We provide consultation and care for patients interested in cataract and refractive surgery staffed by clinicians and researchers who develop and teach the latest techniques. Our students and faculty are experienced working with referring doctors and primary care physicians to coordinate your eye care with other health care providers.

Contact Lens Service

The Contact Lens Service offers a complete range of contact lens materials, replacement schedules, and care systems for patients who wish to experience the many advantages of wearing contact lenses. Daily, extended and continuous wear contact lenses are all available. In addition, we offer special contact lens designs for astigmatism, bifocals, cosmetics, keratoconus, dry eye, corneal disease and ocular trauma. Ocular prosthetic service is also available.

Vision Rehabilitation Service

The Vision Rehabilitation Service assists patients who have permanent vision loss as a result of eye injuries or diseases. Traditional methods of correcting blurred vision, such as glasses and contact lenses, may not provide these patients with adequate vision for their needs. The latest technology in visual aids, such as telescopes, microscopes, electronic devices, and adaptive equipment are used to help each patient regain as much independence as possible. Both visual aids and education are utilized to improve the patient's functional vision for work, home, school, and other environments.

Binocular Vision

The Binocular Vision Service provides treatment options for patients with crossed eyes (strabismus), focusing problems, lazy eye (amblyopia), eye movement inefficiencies, and dyslexia. Patients with binocular vision difficulties may experience eye strain, headache, double or blurred vision. Binocular vision problems in children may present as reduced concentration, avoidance of near work, poor eye-hand coordination, reduced athletic performance, or other learning challenges. If not diagnosed and treated at an early age, lazy eye and crossed eyes may lead to permanent vision loss. These symptoms may be lessened or eliminated with an individualized treatment program of vision therapy, spectacle lens wear, and/or eye patching. This service also offers care for rehabilitation of traumatic brain injury patients.

A comprehensive aniseikonia service is available within the Binocular Vision Service. It is one of only a few clinics in the United States which provides diagnoses and treatment options for patients with symptoms caused by a significant difference in spectacle prescription between the two eyes. Symptoms may include eyestrain, headaches and distorted vision. Using highly specialized instrumentation and testing techniques, these symptoms may be lessened or eliminated with an individualized treatment program consisting of specially designed spectacle lenses or contact lenses.

Pediatric Service

The Pediatric Services offers comprehensive vision examinations for infants, toddlers, children under the age of 13, and exceptional needs patients. Children often do not know how they should be seeing because they assume that everyone sees the way they do. Comprehensive eye examinations are recommended at critical stages in their visual development - by 6 months of age, at 3 years of age, before first grade, and then every 2 years throughout the school years. Children with signs or symptoms of vision problems should be examined as soon as possible.

Vision Therapy Service

The Vision Therapy Service provides treatment strategies and vision training exercises for amblyopia, and accommodative and binocular disorders. Children with congenital or acquired eye conditions and adults with vision problems associated with traumatic brain injury are common vision therapy patients. Vision therapy can improve focusing ability and reduce or eliminate eyestrain and double vision.

Home-bound and Nursing Home Care Service

The Home-Bound and Nursing Home Care Service provides eye examinations and eyewear for patients in central Ohio who are unable to travel and would not otherwise receive eye and vision health care. This service provides thorough eye examinations, which include a medical and visual case history and a comprehensive analysis of ocular health and visual performance. The results of this eye examination will lead to an optimum spectacle prescription for visual performance. A dilated pupil eye examination will also detect the presence of eye diseases, such as cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, and glaucoma.

Eyewear Gallery for Great Vision

Our Eyewear Gallery collection of over 2500 frames is unsurpassed in all of Ohio. We carry such brand names as Gucci, Tag Heuer, Prada, FRED Luxury Eyewear, Giorgio Armani, Calvin Klein, Christian Dior, Marc Jacobs, Jimmy Choo, Hugo BOSS, Nine West, Coach, Kate Spade, Fendi, Valentino, Menizzi, Nike, Sean John, Nautica, Michael Kohrs, Silhouette, Vanni, Liz Claiborne Juicy Couture, Diesel, Adidas, Disney, Kenneth Cole, Tom Ford, Guess, Gant, Candies, OGI, Fysh, Kliik, Rayban. We also offer children's frames, special sports frames, occupational safety frames, and computer glasses. All of our spectacles meet stringent quality standards and come with a 1 year warranty.

In addition to the extensive collection of frames, in 2011 the Eyewear Gallery opened the Lens Design Education Center which showcases the world's first universal 3D measuring system for ophthalmic lenses. The staff of licensed opticians specializes in matching our patient's visual and lifestyle needs to specific lens options. Unlike most retail and independent operations, we have the choice of all lens manufacturers when recommending a lens to our patient. We conduct independent studies on lenses and understand the strengths and limitations of each. This allows our optical professionals to recommend the best lens for each patient.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All College of Optometry students must meet the following health requirements on entering the program, and prior to patient contact:

Entry Requirements:

- Completion of the *Immunization Record and History of Past Infection* section on The Ohio State University Student Health Service form entitled *IMMUNIZATION AND HEALTH SCREEN*. This form documents the completion of the following vaccinations or tests:
 - Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) - two doses
 - Adult Tetanus/Diphtheria
 - Chickenpox history
 - Tuberculin skin test (PPD). If no previous TB tests in the past twelve months, a 2-step Tuberculin skin test is required. If PPD is positive, a chest x-ray will be performed. NOTE: If chest x-ray is positive, documentation of appropriate treatment must be provided.
 - Influenza vaccine is required by November 1.

Patient Contact Requirements:

- Documentation of complete Hepatitis B immunization series and titer (this is a three-shot immunization series that can be completed at the OSU Student Health Service)
- **Annual PPD testing (not TB-tine test)**. This test can be also be completed at the OSU Student Health Service. NOTE: If PPD test is positive, a chest x-ray will be performed. If the chest x-ray is positive, documentation of appropriate treatment must be provided.

➤ **Annual influenza vaccine.**

For more detailed information on the College's current immunization policy, please consult the Clinic Policies and Procedures document (see next section).

Each year the Student Health Service provides special group Hepatitis B immunization and PPD testing clinics for Optometry students (clinic dates, times, shot/testing fees and other details are provided via e-mail). The clinics provide a convenient way for students to complete these important health requirements. You may also complete the Hepatitis B immunization and PPD testing requirements through individual appointments at the Student Health Center; to schedule an appointment please call 292-4321. **NOTE: Students completing the Hepatitis B series and PPD testing through other health care offices must provide written documentation of completed requirements to the Preventive Health Nurse at Student Health Services (fax: 614- 292-6001, address, 320 Wilce Student Health Center, 1875 Millikin Rd., Columbus, OH 43210).**

Note: Please direct any questions about either the entry or pre-patient care health requirements to the Preventative Health Nurse at Student Health Services.

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY CLINIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The College expects all students to be responsible for knowing and complying with the "Optometry Services Policy and Procedures Manual." This document will be available to current students upon entry into clinic. Any questions on information provided in the manual should be addressed to Dr. Greg Nixon, Associate Dean of Clinical Services at: Nixon.24@osu.edu.

REMEDICATION OF CLINICAL COURSE WORK (REVISED 4/13)

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EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

All fourth-year students are required to participate in three one-quarter externship rotations: the Ocular Disease Extern, the Primary Care Extern and the Advanced Practice Extern. This component of the curriculum provides students with hands-on exposure to large volumes of patients in co-management clinics, VA hospitals, ophthalmology clinics, private practices, community practice settings, and other facilities.

Ocular Disease Extern Program

The Disease Extern program gives students the opportunity to see hundreds of patients with a broad array of exposure to all aspects of ocular disease. Specifically, externs develop proficiency in managing glaucoma, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, and macular degeneration. Typical disease extern sites include VA medical centers.

Primary Care Extern Program

The primary care extern involves experiences in clinical practice at a variety of practice settings providing broad exposure to what constitutes contemporary primary eye care. Extern students have a rotation of clinical sites, each of which generates exposure to a specific patient population or clinical sub-specialty. Examples of primary care extern sites include exemplary optometric and ophthalmology practices, ophthalmology referral centers and clinics, The OSU student health center optometry clinic, and The OSU College of Optometry Community Outreach Clinics. This course involves special emphasis on adapting to diverse patient encounters in unique environments and practice settings.

Advanced Practice Extern Program

This extern program features clinical experience in optometry practice with emphasis on special patient populations, such as pre and post-surgical management of ocular surgery or subspecialty areas of optometric

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care such as pediatric optometry, vision therapy, low vision, and advanced contact lens care. This experience includes approximately 40 hours per week in a multi-specialty ophthalmology practice where there is an OD preceptor or a large comprehensive care optometry practice.

Current extern sites include:

Disease Extern Sites

Akron VA Outpatient Clinic (Akron, OH)
 Canton CBOC VA Outpatient Clinic (Canton, OH)
 Chillicothe VAMC (Chillicothe, OH)
 Cincinnati VAMC (Cincinnati, OH)
 Columbus VA Ambulatory Care Center (Columbus, OH)
 Hampton VAMC (Hampton, VA)
 Hefner VAMC (Salisbury, NC)
 Huntington VAMC (Huntington, WV)
 Parma VA (Parma, OH)
 Salt Lake VAHCS (Salt Lake City, UT)
 VA Tucson Medical Center (Tucson, AZ)
 Wade Park VAMC (Cleveland, OH)
 White River Junction VA (White River Junction, VT)

Primary Care Extern Sites

Advanced Eyecare Associates (Delaware, OH)
 Albright & Schnulo, Inc. (Worthington, OH)
 Bloomberg Eye Center (Newark, OH)
 Central Ohio Eyecare, Inc. (Columbus, OH)
 Columbus Eye Care Assoc, Inc. (Columbus, OH)
 Columbus Laser & Cataract Center (Westerville, OH)
 Columbus Ophthalmology Associates (Columbus, OH)
 Eye Specialist, Inc. (Circleville, OH)
 Eye Surgical & Medical Care (Westerville, OH)
 Eyecare Professionals of Powell (Powell, OH)
 Faith Mission (Columbus, OH)
 Galloway Eye Care Professionals (Galloway, OH)
 Havener Eye Institute (Columbus, OH)
 Hermann & Henry Eyecare (Pickerington, OH)
 Indian Mound Eye Clinic (Heath, OH)
 Lower Lights Health Center (Columbus, OH)
 Mid Ohio Eye (Columbus, OH)
 Midwest Retina (Dublin, OH)
 New Image Eye Center (Springfield, OH)
 Northwest Eyecare Professionals (Upper Arlington, OH)
 Northwest Optometry (Englewood, OH)
 Nursing Home and Home Visits (Columbus, OH)
 Ohio Eye Associates, Inc. (Mansfield, OH)
 Ohio State School for the Blind (Columbus, OH)
 Ophthalmic Surgeons & Consultants (Columbus, OH)
 OSU Eye Clinic at CarePoint East (Columbus, OH)
 OSU Student Health Center (Columbus, OH)
 PrimaryOne Health East Main Location (Columbus, OH)
 PrimaryOne Health West Broad Location (Columbus, OH)
 Professional Vision Care (Westerville, OH)
 Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare (Columbus, OH)
 Vision Professionals (Columbus, OH)
 Winchester Vision Care (Canal Winchester, OH)

Advanced Practice Extern Sites

Case Medical Department of Ophthalmology (Cleveland, OH)
 Cincinnati Eye Institute (Cincinnati, OH)
 Commonwealth Eye Services (Lexington, KY)
 Erdey Searcy Eye Group (Columbus, OH)
 Eye Specialist, Inc. (Circleville, OH)
 Family Eye Care (Sandusky, OH)
 Fillmore Eye Clinic (Alamogordo, NM)
 Five Points Eye Care Center (Athens, GA)
 Metro Health Medical Health Center (Cleveland, OH)
 Northeast Ohio Eye Surgeons (Kent, OH)
 Novus Clinic (Tallmadge, OH)
 Ohio Eye Alliance (Alliance, OH)
 Omni Eye Services of New Jersey (Iselin, NJ)
 Oyler Vision Center (Cincinnati, OH)
 Roholt Vision Institute (North Canton, OH)
 The Eye Center of Toledo (Toledo, OH)
 Wicker Park Eye Center (Chicago, IL)

COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS

Students enrolled in the College of Optometry may register concurrently in either the Colleges of the Arts and Sciences or the Graduate School.

Optometry/Arts and Sciences B.S. Vision Science degree

Optometry students whose cumulative point-hour ratios are 2.00 or higher may pursue a Bachelor of Science in Vision Science degree in the Colleges of the Arts and Sciences.

This program requires dual registration without any modification of the degree requirements for either college. Students must therefore arrange their schedules to allow at least three semesters between the award of the first degree (B.S. Vision Science) and the second (Doctor of Optometry). Students in this program may choose to work toward their baccalaureate degree with distinction.

Please see a Student Services staff member for more details about the B.S. Vision Science degree program.

OD/MS Vision Science program: A combined program is available to outstanding students enrolled at The Ohio State University College of Optometry who wish to pursue the Masters and the O.D. degrees simultaneously. Optometry students may apply for admission to this program no sooner than the beginning of their second year. Admission of applicants is based on the student's academic performance and the Graduate Studies Committee's assessment of his or her motivation and capability to complete a program of independent research in combination with the regular optometry curriculum. Under this plan, a certain number of semester hours of coursework in the optometry curriculum may be counted toward the required hours for both degrees. The completion of an independent research project and a thesis is required.

Please contact Jeff Walline at walline.1@osu.edu for additional information on the OD/MS program.

INTERDISCIPLINARY SPECIALIZATION IN AGING

The Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Aging offers students advanced educational opportunities in the field of aging. The program allows graduate and professional students an opportunity to gain specific expertise in the care of older adults through both required and elective coursework. The Specialization's core curriculum focuses on the basic components of gerontology shared by many disciplines, while the electives allow students to pursue either a research agenda or a more clinically-oriented pathway. Students are exposed to a broad range of settings and must successfully complete at least 14 hours of course work from the Master List of Courses in order for the Specialization to be noted on their transcript. For more information visit:

<https://aging.osu.edu/>.

Please contact the Office of Geriatrics and Interprofessional Aging Studies at Cynthia.dougherty@osumc.edu or 614-293-4815 for additional information on the Specialization in Aging certificate program.

RESIDENCY PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Ohio State University College of Optometry is fortunate to be affiliated with seven residency sites. Each of the programs offers residents a wide variety of experiences making each program unique. The mission of the residency program is to prepare well-trained optometrists for numerous optometry and vision science opportunities, including optometric education and research. The College also offers the resident guidance and evaluation concerning optometric issues. The following is a list of current residency positions available through Ohio State.

Residencies in Ocular Disease

Cincinnati Eye Institute (Cincinnati, OH)

Cincinnati VA Medical Center (Cincinnati, OH)

Chillicothe VA Medical Center and the Chalmer P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center (Chillicothe and Columbus, OH)

Ohio Eye Alliance (Alliance, OH)

The Eye Center of Toledo (Toledo, OH)

Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center (Cleveland, Parma, Canton, OH)

The Erdey Searcy Eye Group (Columbus, OH)

Dayton VA Medical Center (Dayton, OH)

Residency in Contact Lens

The Ohio State University Medical Center, Department of Ophthalmology (Columbus, OH)

Residency in Pediatric Optometry

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (Cincinnati, OH)

FACULTY AND STAFF INFORMATION

Faculty and staff biographies and contact information can be found on the College web site at:

<http://optometry.osu.edu/directory/>

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Our students have many opportunities to be active in the Ohio State and College of Optometry communities. Optometry students can participate in many of the nearly 1000 OSU campus-wide student organizations. Each year students from the College represent their peers in the Inter-Professional Council (IPC), an Ohio State

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professional school student government organization. The Black Graduate and Professional Student Caucus also provides excellent opportunities for student networking and collegiality.

College of Optometry student organizations provide our students many opportunities for leadership development and participation in community service and social activities. For more information on the College's current student organizations, please visit: <https://optometry.osu.edu/student-organizations>.

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

ACADEMIC CALENDAR <http://registrar.osu.edu/staff/bigcal.asp>

OFFICE STUDENT LIFE <http://studentlife.osu.edu/>

The Office of Student Life encompasses all of the student related activities, organizations, events and support services. Below are some of the resources that are most commonly used by Optometry students.

BUCKID <https://buckid.osu.edu/>

CAREER COUNSELING AND SUPPORT SERVICES <http://ccss.osu.edu/>

DINING SERVICES <http://diningservices.osu.edu/>

DISABILITY SERVICES <http://ods.osu.edu/>

MULTICULTURAL CENTER <http://mcc.osu.edu/>

OFF-CAMPUS AND COMMUTER STUDENT SERVICES <https://offcampus.osu.edu/>

OHIO UNION <http://ohiounion.osu.edu/>

RECREATIONAL SPORTS <http://recsports.osu.edu/>

RESIDENCE LIFE <https://housing.osu.edu/living-on-campus/>

STUDENT ADVOCACY CENTER <http://advocacy.osu.edu/>

STUDENT CONDUCT <http://studentconduct.osu.edu/>

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE <https://shi.osu.edu/>

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES <http://shc.osu.edu/>

STUDENT WELLNESS CENTER <http://swc.osu.edu/>

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES <https://ocio.osu.edu/>

OTHER CAMPUS RESOURCES

WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER <https://wexnermedical.osu.edu/>

STUDENT SAFETY SERVICE <http://www.ps.ohio-state.edu/sss/>

PARKING ON CAMPUS <http://osu.campusparc.com/home>

CAMPUS AREA BUS SERVICE <http://ttm.osu.edu/cabs>

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE <https://ohiostate.bncollege.com>

LIBRARY INFORMATION <http://library.osu.edu/>

HEALTH SCIENCE LIBRARY <http://hsl.osu.edu/>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES <http://jobs.osu.edu/>

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION <http://odi.osu.edu/>

THE WOMEN'S PLACE <http://womensplace.osu.edu/>

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE BODIES

UNIVERSITY SENATE <http://senate.osu.edu/>

COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS <http://oaa.osu.edu/caa.html>

COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS <http://studentlife.osu.edu/csa/>

COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS (CGS) <http://cgs.osu.edu/>

INTER-PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COUNCIL (IPC) <https://ipc.osu.edu/>

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