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Elkins Park, Pa. – Salus University Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) has welcomed a new professor of optometry, Dr. Alan Kabat, FAAO.

Alan Kabat, OD, FAAO Joins Salus University

Dr. Kabat's role at Salus PCO involves clinical education of students and residents; classroom and laboratory instruction; and clinical research. While his expertise is in ocular disease and anterior segment disorders, he also provides patient care in both the primary care and the dry eye specialty services at The Eye Institute (TEI) of Salus University's main Oak Lane location.

Graduating from Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biological Science, Dr. Kabat earned his Doctor of Optometry degree from PCO and completed his residency training at Philadelphia's John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital, a former PCO affiliated residency site.

"My first few weeks being back at PCO – after more than 27 years – have been a bit surreal," Dr. Kabat said. "Some of the familiar faces that I remember as a student and resident are still here, and I've enjoyed reconnecting with them." However, he remarks that The Eye Institute today bears little resemblance to the facility in which he first trained as a student. Since he was gone, TEI has undergone extensive remodeling and also is the home to much more advanced technology included integrated electronic medical records. Dr. Kabat also notes that Salus University's Elkins Park campus is more beautiful and technologically sophisticated than when he was a student of PCO in the late 80's, when the campus was located in Philadelphia.

Prior to coming to TEI, Dr. Kabat served as a faculty member at Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and as a professor at Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn.

"Salus truly is an amazing institution with a rich history – I feel honored to be not only part of her past, but also her future," Dr. Kabat said.

About Salus University

Salus University, founded as the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 1919, today is a diversified, globally recognized professional academic center of learning that offers a wide range of degree programs in the professions of Optometry, Audiology, Physician Assistant, Public Health, Blindness and Low Vision Studies, Biomedicine, Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology. Salus operates four clinical facilities in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties that provide highly specialized vision, hearing and balance, and speech-language pathology services. The University has more than 1,200 students, and more than 14,000 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit www.salus.edu.