



The Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) follows a legacy that began in 1919, when PCO created a four-year degree program that set the standard for all other institutions of optometry that exist today. During our more than a century-long and proud history, PCO has pioneered some of the most influential innovations in post-graduate optometric education worldwide.

DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY

ACCELERATED SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Why Salus?

- Complete the Doctor of Optometry degree in a 36-month, year-round, campus-based program
- Guided, independent and case-based learning that complements lecture and laboratory instruction
- Small group learning experiences
- Early, extensive clinical experiences
- The Eye Institute (TEI) and its satellites serve as the PCO's clinical teaching facilities where students collaborate with optometrists, ophthalmologists, opticians and optometric technicians
- Newest technology, including a virtual reality lab

ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

- ☐ Complete an application at OptomCAS
- ☐ Complete a bachelor's degree with a recommended overall GPA of 3.5 or higher
- ☐ Complete the prerequisite coursework with a grade of 'C-' or higher
- ☐ Take the Optometry Admissions Test (OAT) and achieve a recommended Academic Average score of 330 or higher (alternate exams also accepted include the GRE, MCAT, DAT, or PCAT; 60th percentile or higher in each section of chosen exam recommended)
- ☐ Submit three letters of recommendation
- ☐ Complete a minimum of 100 hours of healthcare experience (an optometric setting is highly recommended)

For specific details on the above admissions requirements and deadlines, visit salus.edu/admissions

Job Outlook/Professional Highlights

Optometry is a dynamic and challenging profession that provides practitioners the opportunity to help people and at the same time, achieve personal growth, gain community respect, enjoy great work-life balance and financial success.

- Optometry is one of top 10 income-earning professions in the country today
- Optometrists diagnose and treat eye diseases, prescribe optical devices, direct pre-and post-operative care of refractive and laser surgery patients, help children with learning disabilities through vision therapy, and provide vision rehabilitation services to people with severe vision impairments

Professional options include:

- Private or group practice
- Private industry
- Public health services
- Armed Forces
- Community health centers

SCAN FOR



VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOUR

About Salus

- Commitment to interprofessional education and interdisciplinary training
- Primary care philosophy and holistic approach assesses the whole patient for prevention, treatment and rehabilitation
- Exceptional clinical training sequence that begins early and includes externships and fieldwork in a variety of healthcare delivery settings
- Innovative learning strategies that include small group, interactive and self-directed learning experiences as well as clinical problem-solving
- Integration of cutting-edge technologies to prepare students for ever-evolving professions
- Commitment to the ongoing professional and personal development and the success of each student

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact **800.824.6262** (choose option 1) or visit **salus.edu/admissions**.

Salus University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE).

For program specific information about accreditation, visit **salus.edu/accreditation**.

