



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

## TRADITIONAL PROGRAM

### Why Salus?

- Early hands-on clinical experience and an extensive externship program with nearly 3,000 patient encounters
- Small group learning experiences
- Program can be enhanced with elective courses, course series and/or a residency program
- The Eye Institute (TEI) and its satellites serve as 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 the supplemental application by taking the Casper Assessment Test
- ☐ Complete at least 90 undergraduate semester hours (or equivalent quarter hours)
- ☐ Complete the prerequisite coursework with a grade of 'C-' or higher
- ☐ Take the Optometry Admissions Test (OAT) (alternate exams also accepted include the GRE, MCAT, DAT, or PCAT)
- ☐ Submit three letters of recommendation
- ☐ Shadow a practicing optometrist(s) or ophthalmologist(s) for a minimum of 25 hours

For specific details on the above admissions requirements and deadlines, visit [salus.edu/admissions](https://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 a great work-life balance and financial success.

- Optometry is one of the top 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 training, and provide vision rehabilitation services to people with severe vision impairments

Source: [usnews.com](http://usnews.com)

## Professional options include:

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

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## About Salus

- Commitment to interprofessional education and interdisciplinary training
- Primary care philosophy and holistic approach that 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](http://salus.edu/admissions).

Salus University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). The Doctor of Optometry (OD) degree program is accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) of the American Optometric Association (AOA).

