



ACOE Student Achievement Data

Doctor of Optometry: Accelerated Scholars (3-year Track)

Year Matriculated	2019		2020		2021	
Number of Matriculants	13		14		14	
	#	% of matriculants	#	% of matriculants	#	% of matriculants
Graduated in 3 years	12	92.3%	13	92.9%	14	100%
Graduated in 4 or fewer years	12	92.3%	13	92.9%	14	100%
Graduated at any time	12	92.3%	13	92.9%	14	100%
Still enrolled or on leave of absence	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Attrition for academic reasons	1	7.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Attrition for other reasons	0	0.0%	1	7.1%	0	0.0%

Notes: (1) ACOE has definitions for the above data that might be slightly different than how the University reports graduation and retention data to the US Department of Education for IPEDS. For “Graduated in 5 or fewer years,” we must include all (cumulative) graduating in 5 or fewer years. For “Graduated at any time,” we must include all (cumulative) graduating to date of publication. (2) Date of publication is September 15, 2025.

For more information on OD-Accelerated Scholars information, such as NBEO pass rates, licensing within 6 years, and other data, please see:

<https://www.salus.edu/colleges/optometry/doctor-of-optometry-accelerated-scholars-program/nbeo-pass-rates.html>.

Additional Information

Published results include the performance of all first-time takers of each NBEO examination Part within the specified timeframe regardless of year of enrollment, year of graduation, or graduation status; first-time taker pass rates published on the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) website ([link](#)) are limited to candidates that have graduated.

Annual Institutional Pass Rates for all First-time Takers of NBEO Parts I, II, and III

NBEO Part I Applied Basic Science

Academic Year (9/1-8/31)	# of first-time takers, program	first time taker pass rate, program	first time taker pass rate, all exam takers
2024-2025	18	77.8%	Not yet released
2023-2024	14	92.9%	67.0%
2022-2023	14	78.6%	63.1%

NBEO Part II Patient Assessment and Management

Academic Year (9/1-8/31)	# of first-time takers, program	first time taker pass rate, program	first time taker pass rate, all exam takers
2024-2025	14	100.0%	Not yet released
2023-2024	14	100.0%	85.9%
2022-2023	10	100.0%	83.0%

NBEO Part III Patient Encounters and Performance Skills

Academic Year (7/1-6/30)	# of first-time takers, program	first time taker pass rate, program	first time taker pass rate, all exam takers
2024-2025	14	71.4%	Not yet released
2023-2024	15	86.7%	79.5%
2022-2023	10	90.0%	74.2%

Annual Institutional Pass Rates for all First Attempt Candidates of OEBC Written and OSCE Exams

OEBC Written

Academic Year (9/1-8/31)	# of first-time writers, program	first time writer pass rate, program	pass rate for all first-time writers, all exam takers
2024-2025	0	N/A	95.5%
2023-2024	0	N/A	94.1%
2022-2023	0	N/A	94.2%
2021-2022	3	100.0%	89.1%
2020-2021	1	100.0%	93.0%

OEBC Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)

Academic Year (9/1-8/31)	# of first-time writers, program	first time writer pass rate, program	pass rate for all first-time writers, all exam takers
2024-2025	0	N/A	92.4%
2023-2024	0	N/A	86.3%
2022-2023	0	N/A	84.1%
2021-2022	3	66.7%	85.4%
2020-2021	1	0.0%	78.2%

Program Completion Licensing Examination Rates

Calendar Year (1/1-12/31)	# of students who completed all program curricular requirements	# licensed, or who passed all parts of an exam series that would permit licensure, in the United States or Canada	Program Completion Licensing Examination Pass Rate
2024	14	13	92.9%
2023	13	13	100.0%
2022	12	12	100.0%
2021	13	13	100.0%
2020	12	12	100.0%

Class of 2025 Optometry: Scholars (3-year track)

Started 2022	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	4
Female	4	0	1	3	0	2	0	0	10
TOTAL	5	0	1	4	0	2	1	1	14

Finished in 3 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	4
Female	4	0	1	3	0	2	0	0	10
TOTAL	5	0	1	4	0	2	1	1	14

Notes: 1. Male and Female genders are as defined by IPEDS. 2. The IPEDS term "Alien" is reflected in tables as "Non-US Citizen."

Graduation Rate: 100%

Retention Rate: 100%

- **Graduation rate**= the % of students who complete the program "on time".
- **Retention rate**= the % of students who graduated on time, graduated late, are on an approved leave of absence, or are still currently enrolled.

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Class of 2024 Optometry: Scholars (3-year track)

Started 2021	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	NH/PI	2+	Unknown	Non- US	TOTAL
Male	2			3				2	7
Female	4	1						2	7
TOTAL	6	1	0	3	0	0	0	4	14

Finished in 3 years "on-time"	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	NH/PI	2+	Unknown	Non- US	TOTAL
Male	2			3				2	7
Female	4	1						2	7
TOTAL	6	1	0	3	0	0	0	4	14

Notes: 1. Male and Female genders are as defined by IPEDS. 2. The IPEDS term "Alien" is reflected in tables as "Non-US Citizen."

Graduation Rate: 100%

Retention Rate: 100%

Graduation rate= the % of students who complete the program "on time".

Retention rate= the % of students who graduated on time, graduated late, are on an approved leave of absence, or are still currently enrolled.



Class of 2023 Optometry: Scholars (3-year track)

Started 2020	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Female	5	1	1	4	0	1	0	0	12
TOTAL	7	1	1	4	0	1	0	0	14

Finished in 3 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Female	5	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	11
TOTAL	7	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	13

Notes: 1. Male and Female genders are as defined by IPEDS. 2. The IPEDS term "Alien" is reflected in tables as "Non-US Citizen."

Graduation Rate: 93%

Retention Rate: 93%

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- **Retention rate**= the % of students who graduated on time, graduated late, are on an approved leave of absence, or are still currently enrolled.



Class of 2022 Optometry: Scholars (3-year track)

Started 2019	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	5
Female	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	8
TOTAL	7	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	13

Finished in 3 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Female	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	8
TOTAL	7	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	12

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Graduation Rate: 92%

Retention Rate: 92%

Graduation rate: the % of students who complete the program "on time".

Retention rate: the % of students who graduated on time, graduated late, are on an approved leave of absence, or are still currently enrolled.



Class of 2021 Optometry: Scholars (3-year track)

Started 2018	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
Female	5	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	11
TOTAL	6	0	0	6	0	0	1	1	14

Finished in 3 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
Female	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	10
TOTAL	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	13

Notes: 1. Male and Female genders are as defined by IPEDS. 2. The IPEDS term "Alien" is reflected in tables as "Non-US Citizen."

Graduation Rate: 93%

Retention Rate: 100%

Graduation Rate: the % of students who complete the program "on time".

Retention Rate: the % of students who graduated on time, graduated late, are on an approved leave of absence, or are still currently enrolled.

The Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) does not separate out board scores by the Traditional, Advanced Placement and Scholars programs. PCO calculates an ultimate (overall) pass rate, which represents the percentage of students who have passed all three parts of the NBEO examinations at the time of graduation from the college.. For the Class of 2021 the ultimate (overall) pass rate was 85%.



Class of 2020 Optometry: Scholars (3-year track)

Started 2017	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5
Female	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
TOTAL	8	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	12

Finished in 3 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5
Female	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
TOTAL	8	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	12

Notes: 1. Male and Female genders are as defined by IPEDS. 2. The IPEDS term "Alien" is reflected in tables as "Non-US Citizen."

Graduation Rate: 100%

Retention Rate: 100%

Graduation Rate: the % of students who complete the program "on time".

Retention Rate: the % of students who graduated on time, graduated late, are on an approved leave of absence, or are still currently enrolled.

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Class of 2019 Optometry: Scholars (3-year track)

Started 2016	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Female	4	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	9
TOTAL	6	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	12

Finished in 3 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Female	3	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	8
TOTAL	5	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	11

Notes: 1. Male and Female genders are as defined by IPEDS. 2. The IPEDS term "Alien" is reflected in tables as "Non-US Citizen."

Graduation Rate: 92%

Retention Rate: 100%

Graduation Rate: the % of students who complete the program "on time".

Retention Rate: the % of students who graduated on time, graduated late, are on an approved leave of absence, or are still currently enrolled.

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Class of 2018 Optometry: Scholars (3-year track)

Started 2015	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	6
Female	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8
TOTAL	11	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	14

Finished in 3 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	6
Female	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8
TOTAL	11	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	14

Notes: 1. Male and Female genders are as defined by IPEDS. 2. The IPEDS term "Alien" is reflected in tables as "Non-US Citizen."

Graduation Rate: 100%

Retention Rate: 100%

Graduation Rate: the % of students who complete the program "on time".

Retention Rate: the % of students who graduated on time, graduated late, are on an approved leave of absence, or are still currently enrolled.



Class of 2017 Optometry: Scholars (3-year track)

Started 2014	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
Female	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
TOTAL	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	10

Finished in 3 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Female	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
TOTAL	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9

Notes: 1. Male and Female genders are as defined by IPEDS. 2. The IPEDS term "Alien" is reflected in tables as "Non-US Citizen."

Graduation Rate: 90%

Retention Rate: 90%

Graduation Rate: the % of students who complete the program "on time".

Retention Rate: the % of students who graduated on time, graduated late, are on an approved leave of absence, or are still currently enrolled.