

ACOE Student Achievement Data

Doctor of Optometry: Traditional & Advanced Placement-OD

Year Matriculated Number of Matriculants:	2018		2019		2020	
	148		152		153	
	#	% of matriculants	#	% of matriculants	#	% of matriculants
Graduated in 4 years	133	89.9%	135	88.8%	122	79.7%
Graduated in 5 or fewer years	141	95.3%	144	94.7%	128	83.6%
Graduated at any time	141	95.3%	144	94.7%	128	83.6%
Still enrolled or on leave of absence	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.7%
Attrition for academic reasons	5	3.4%	2	1.3%	15	9.8%
Attrition for other reasons	2	1.4%	6	3.9%	9	5.9%

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-Traditional & APOD information, such as NBEO pass rates, licensing within 6 years, and other data, please see: <https://www.salus.edu/colleges/optometry/doctor-of-optometry-traditional-program/nbeo-pass-rates/index.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	131	48.9%	Not yet released
2023-2024	121	52.9%	67.0%
2022-2023	124	47.6%	63.1%
2021-2022	152	55.9%	73.2%
2020-2021	149	73.2%	77.9%

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	120	80.8%	Not yet released
2023-2024	127	76.4%	85.9%
2022-2023	148	73.0%	83.0%
2021-2022	146	81.5%	86.0%
2020-2021	160	81.9%	89.7%

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	118	76.3%	Not yet released
2023-2024	121	85.1%	79.5%
2022-2023	140	70.7%	74.2%
2021-2022	146	81.5%	79.9%
2020-2021	155	84.5%	79.9%

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	2	100.0%	95.5%
2023-2024	0	N/A	94.1%
2022-2023	2	50.0%	94.2%
2021-2022	1	0.0%	89.1%
2020-2021	0	N/A	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	2	100.0%	92.4%
2023-2024	0	N/A	86.3%
2022-2023	2	50.0%	84.1%
2021-2022	1	0.0%	85.4%
2020-2021	0	N/A	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	138	112	81.2%
2023	148	114	77.0%
2022	149	126	84.6%
2021	164	140	85.4%
2020	145	132	91.0%

Class of 2025 (Optometry Traditional & Advanced Placement)

Started 2021	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	22	1	1	7	0	0	0	3	34
Female	46	15	5	31	0	3	0	10	110
TOTAL	68	16	6	38	0	3	0	13	144

Trad: Finished in 4 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	15	1	0	5	0	0	0	3	24
Female	40	11	4	26	0	0	0	8	89
TOTAL	55	12	4	31	0	0	0	11	113

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: 78%

Retention Rate: 84%

- **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 Traditional & Advanced Placement)

Started 2020	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	NH/PI	2+	Unknown	Non-US	TOTAL
Male	25	4	5	7	0	0	0	2	43
Female	52	7	6	22	0	2	0	7	96
TOTAL	77	11	11	29	0	2	0	9	139

Finished in 4 years "on-time"	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	NH/PI	2+	Unknown	Non-US	TOTAL
Male	21	3	4	6	0	0	0	2	36
Female	40	5	4	20	0	2	0	6	77
TOTAL	61	8	8	26	0	2	0	8	113

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: 81%

Retention Rate: 86%

- **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 Traditional & Advanced Placement)

Started 2019	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	20	3	2	11	0	0	1	2	39
Female	54	7	5	37	0	0	1	9	113
TOTAL	74	10	7	48	0	0	2	11	152

Trad: Finished in 4 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	19	3	2	10	0	0	1	2	37
Female	48	4	5	32	0	0	0	9	98
TOTAL	67	7	7	42	0	0	1	11	135

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: 89%

Retention Rate: 95%

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 2022 (Optometry Traditional & Advanced Placement)

Started 2018	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	26	2	1	6	0	1	1	3	40
Female	59	3	2	33	0	2	2	4	105
TOTAL	85	5	3	39	0	3	3	7	145

Trad: Finished in 4 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	26	0	1	6	0	1	1	2	37
Female	56	3	2	25	0	2	2	3	93
TOTAL	82	3	3	31	0	3	3	5	130

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: 95%

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 Traditional & Advanced Placement)

Started 2017	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	28	2	0	9	0	1	1	2	43
Female	54	9	9	34	0	5	0	4	115
TOTAL	82	11	9	43	0	6	1	6	158

Trad: Finished in 4 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	25	2	0	9	0	1	1	2	40
Female	50	9	9	29	0	4	0	4	105
TOTAL	75	11	9	38	0	5	1	6	145

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: 91%

Retention Rate: 93%

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 Traditional & Advanced Placement)

Started 2016	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	27	1	0	13	0	1	1	6	49
Female	46	6	4	37	0	0	0	9	102
TOTAL	73	7	4	50	0	1	1	15	151

Trad: Finished in 4 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	23	1	0	13	0	1	1	5	44
Female	42	6	2	34	0	0	0	8	92
TOTAL	65	7	2	47	0	1	1	13	136

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: 91%

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 Traditional & Advanced Placement)

Started 2015	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	28	3	2	12	0	0	0	3	48
Female	54	3	2	40	0	2	1	3	105
TOTAL	82	6	4	52	0	2	1	6	153

Finished in 4 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	25	1	0	12	0	0	0	2	40
Female	52	2	2	40	0	2	0	3	101
TOTAL	77	3	4	52	0	2	0	5	141

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: 93%

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 Traditional & Advanced Placement)

Started 2014	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	29	2	3	9	0	0	0	0	43
Female	55	9	2	37	0	0	0	6	109
TOTAL	84	11	5	46	0	0	0	6	152

Finished in 4 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	26	2	2	7	0	0	0	0	37
Female	50	9	2	32	0	0	0	6	99
TOTAL	76	11	4	39	0	0	0	6	136

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: 89%

Retention Rate: 93%

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 Traditional & Advanced Placement)

Started 2013	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	31	2	2	6	0	0	0	0	41
Female	62	10	1	36	1	0	0	4	114
TOTAL	93	12	3	42	1	0	0	4	155

Finished in 4 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	27	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	35
Female	57	9	1	29	1	0	0	3	100
TOTAL	84	11	1	35	1	0	0	3	135

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: 87%

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 2016 (Optometry Traditional & Advanced Placement)

Started 2012	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	35	5	2	13	0	0	0	5	60
Female	62	4	3	21	0	1	0	4	95
TOTAL	97	9	5	34	0	1	0	9	155

Finished in 4 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	33	4	2	6	0	0	0	5	50
Female	59	4	3	21	0	1	0	4	92
TOTAL	92	8	5	27	0	1	0	9	142

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: 99%

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 2015 (Optometry Traditional & Advanced Placement)

Started 2011	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	28	4	1	14	0	0	0	1	48
Female	70	5	5	29	0	0	1	1	111
TOTAL	98	9	6	43	0	0	1	2	159

Finished in 4 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	22	4	0	13	0	0	0	1	40
Female	64	5	5	22	0	0	1	1	98
TOTAL	86	9	5	35	0	0	1	2	138

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: 87%

Retention Rate: 94%

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 2014 (Optometry Traditional & Advanced Placement)

Started 2010	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	40	2	1	10	0	0	1	0	54
Female	51	9	3	43	0	0	1	0	107
TOTAL	91	11	4	53	0	0	2	0	161

Finished in 4 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	35	2	1	10	0	0	1	0	49
Female	48	9	2	42	0	0	1	0	102
TOTAL	83	11	3	52	0	0	2	0	151

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: 94%

Retention Rate: 98%

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 2013 (Optometry Traditional & Advanced Placement)

Started 2009	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	43	2	0	8	1	0	1	0	55
Female	60	6	1	32	1	1	0	1	102
TOTAL	103	8	1	40	2	1	1	1	157

Finished in 4 years ("on time")	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2 or More Races	Unknown	Non-US Citizen	TOTAL
Male	38	2	0	7	1	0	1	0	49
Female	56	6	1	29	1	1	0	1	95
TOTAL	94	8	1	36	2	1	1	1	144

Notes: 1. IPEDS requires reporting using a binary system (male and female). Salus recognizes a multidimensional system. 2. The IPEDS term "Alien" is reflected in tables as "Non-US Citizen."

Graduation Rate: 92%
Retention Rate: 94%

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.