



The Accelerated Scholars Program at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) is an opportunity for highly motivated and well-qualified applicants to earn a Doctor of Optometry degree designed specifically with them in mind.

# DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY

## ACCELERATED SCHOLARS PROGRAM

### Why Salus at Drexel?

- 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 with nearly 3,000 patient encounters
- The Eye Institute (TEI) and its satellite location 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 patient care interaction within a healthcare profession (an optometric setting is highly recommended)

For specific details on the above admissions requirements and deadlines, visit [salus.edu/admissions](https://salus.edu/admissions)



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## 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 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 therapy, and provide vision rehabilitation services to people with severe vision impairments

Source: usnews.com

## Professional options include:

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



## About Salus at Drexel

- 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](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).

