

Master of Science in Clinical Optometry
with an Advanced Studies Certificate Degree Program

A Master of Science in Clinical Optometry (MSCO) with an Advanced Studies Certificate degree program for international ophthalmic practitioners desiring to advance their knowledge and skills in optometric care.

Students enrolled in this degree program also experience specialized training within a specific content area. This degree program features biomedical and visual sciences, clinical sciences, and research design and applications.

The program includes 38 semester hour credits delivered over a 12-month period. It is offered as a full-time program of study taking place on the Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, campus or via a hybrid track where students can participate in didactic coursework and examinations delivered online during the first semester and then come to campus for hands-on training during the last two semesters.

Master of Science in Four Modules

The MSCO portion of the degree program is comprised of four modules, containing a series of courses with compilations of lectures, workshops, clinical skills training, controlled patient care and research.

Module 1: Foundations of Basic Science

Module 2: Optometric Applications and Ophthalmic Disease

Module 3: Clinical Practice and Applications

Module 4: Research Design and Applications

Advanced Studies Certificates

This degree program offers students the opportunity to customize their experience through specialized knowledge and skills by earning an additional credential within a specific content area. Each certificate includes five credits of coursework and students choose from the following Advanced Study content areas:

- Binocular Vision and Vision Therapy
- Vision Impairment and Rehabilitation
- Contact Lens

The MSCO with an Advanced Studies Certificate degree program starts in August of each calendar year.

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