Prerequisite Courses
Doctor of Optometry Program

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- All prerequisites must be completed at a regionally accredited U.S. or Canadian institution (exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis) or its equivalent abroad
- All prerequisites must be completed with a grade of “C” or better (a grade of “C-” or lower is not acceptable)
- One course cannot be used to satisfy more than one prerequisite
- All prerequisites must be completed by the spring term just prior to matriculation
- Only English and Calculus may be taken on an advanced-placement basis
- Pass/No Pass will not satisfy the prerequisite courses
- All coursework taken from non-U.S. institutions (excluding Canada) must be submitted to an approved service for evaluation

**General Biology or Zoology Qualifier**
- May not be an introductory course

**General (Inorganic) Chemistry Qualifier**
- May not be an introductory course

**Organic Chemistry Qualifier**
- May not be an introductory course

**General Physics Qualifier**
- May not be an introductory course

**General Microbiology or Bacteriology Qualifier**
- May not be an introductory course

**Biochemistry Qualifier**
- May not be an introductory course

**English Qualifiers**
- May be an English Composition, English Literature, Writing or Critical Thinking course
- May not be a Speech or Communications course

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Minimum 90 semester or 135 quarter units of undergraduate coursework

- Must be completed by matriculation at a regionally-accredited U.S. or Canadian institution (or its equivalent abroad)

Optometry Admissions Test (OAT)

- Official OAT scores must be received before application will be considered
- Currently there are no time limits on scores or minimum score requirements

Letters of Recommendation

- Three (3) letters of recommendation are required
- Suggested sources:
  - One (1) letter of recommendation from an Optometrist
  - One (1) letter of recommendation from a professor
  - One (1) letter of recommendation from your pre-health advisor

Although not required, having earned a BS or BA will likely strengthen your application

- BS or BA may be in any subject

Proof of Legal U.S. Residency (If Required)

- If you are an international applicant or any other applicant who is not a U.S. citizen and is living in the U.S., you should be prepared to provide proof of legal U.S. residency at the time of interview
- Proof of legal U.S. residency is required prior to any offer of acceptance

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (If Required)

- The TOEFL is required for all applicants submitting coursework from foreign schools
- A minimum score of 213 for the Computer-Based or 79 for the Internet-Based test must be submitted at the time of application
- TOEFL scores are valid for two years
- Exceptions:
  - The TOEFL exam will be waived for permanent and temporary residents of the United States who have completed the English prerequisite from an accredited institution in the United States
  - English courses taken from foreign countries whose native language is English will be accepted (e.g., Canada, Australia, Great Britain, New Zealand and the British West Indies)

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