



WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY – ADVANCED-STANDING

APPLICATION PROCESS AND CHECKLIST

This checklist is provided to assist you in submitting all the required materials. **The following items must be submitted on or before February 1, 2023.** Qualified candidates will be invited to interview. While the final deadline is February 1st, applicants are encouraged to apply early in the process.

_____ Online Application & Application Fee

Must be electronically submitted on or before February 1, 2023. A non-refundable application fee of \$200 must be paid online via credit card at the time you submit your application.

_____ Foreign Coursework Evaluation

Official transcripts for all coursework completed outside the United States and Canada must be submitted to **World Education Services** or **Josef Silney & Associates** for a course-by-course evaluation. The evaluation service should then send/release the official evaluation to WesternU.

_____ Official Transcripts for U.S. Coursework

Official transcripts for any coursework completed in the United States should be submitted directly to WesternU.

_____ Official TOEFL or E3PT Scores

All applicants whose native language is not English must submit official ETS TOEFL or English3 (E3PT) score results.

_____ Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

All applicants must submit official GRE scores taken within the last five years. Minimum scores are listed on our website. Official score reports should be sent/released directly to WesternU.

_____ Optometry Admissions Test (OAT) Scores (if applicable)

If you have taken the OAT, please release your official scores to Western University of Health Sciences.

_____ Letters of Recommendation

We require three letters of recommendation. It is suggested that one letter be from an optometrist/clinical supervisor, and one from a faculty member, pre-health advisor, or employee who is familiar with the applicant's work. The request for a letter of recommendation will be sent electronically to your recommender with the information you provide in your application.

_____ Current Curriculum Vitae

A current curriculum vitae with details of your current and/or past professional experiences must be submitted with your application.

_____ National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) Score Reports (if applicable)

As part of the placement decision, applicants may be requested to take and pass Parts I, II, or III of the NBEO.

_____ Proof of Funding

International students are required to provide proof of funding for one academic year before an I-20 will be issued.

The Admissions Office will email you to acknowledge that your application was received. When all required documents are received, your application will be processed. You will then receive an email message from the Admissions Office informing you of the status of your application.

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