



Optometry

Optometrists diagnose, treat, and manage diseases and disorders of the visual system. Examples of services:

- Perform eye examinations and tests,
- Prescribe corrective lenses,
- Administer certain drugs that treat eye conditions

Pre-Professional Education

Complete a minimum of 60 semester hours of preprofessional education from a Department registered program or the equivalent as determined by the Department, including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics.

Professional Education

Complete a professional program in optometry registered by the Department or otherwise acceptable to the Department. The program must lead to the degree of Doctor of Optometry, or its equivalent.

Examination

Parts I, II, and III of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry examination

Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$147,872 in NY
- Salary range: \$86,936 - \$175,724
- Projected growth: much faster than average

Where Could I Work?

- Private or community practice
- Hospitals and clinics
- Optical and retail stores
- Education (Colleges/universities)

Academic Skills

- Preparation in the sciences
- Ocular anatomy and physiology
- Clinical experience
- Career development

Professional Skills

- Concern for others
- Attention to detail
- Analytical thinking
- Communication

