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Enrollment in Graduate (non-OD) and Other Programs, AY 2026-2027

(Only schools with graduate programs are listed. For program descriptions, please continue to the next page.)

	Graduate Programs					**Total # Graduate Students**	Specialty Certificates/Fellowships
	Within Optometry School			Outside of Optometry School			
School ID	Full-Time Graduate Students	Part-Time Grad Students (no combined program)	Part-Time Grad Students Enrolled in Combined OD/Grad Program	Part-Time Grad Students Enrolled in Combined OD/Grad Program	Other		
AZCOPT	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0
CCO	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0
ICO	0	0	3	0	0	**3**	0
IUSO	15	1	17	0	0	**33**	40
MCPHS	0	0	0	8	0	**8**	0
NECO	0	0	23	0	0	**23**	0
NOVA	0	0	0	10	0	**10**	0
OSU	7	0	31	0	0	**38**	0
PCO/Drexel	21	0	0	0	0	**21**	0
PUCO	5	2	3	3	0	**13**	0
SCCOMBKU	0	0	6	0	0	**6**	0
SUNY	17	0	14	3	2	**36**	32
UABSO	18	0	9	5	0	**32**	0
UCB	33	0	0	0	0	**33**	0
UHCO	32	0	17	0	0	**49**	0
UIWRSO	2	0	0	0	0	**2**	1
Total	150	3	123	29	2	**307**	**73**

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School ID	GRADUATE PROGRAMS (INCLUDING JOINT PROGRAMS WITH NON-OPTOMETRY DEPARTMENTS)		SPECIALTY CERTIFICATES/FELLOWSHIPS	
	Y or N?		Y or N?	Description
AZCOPT Arizona College of Optometry, Midwestern University	Y	The Doctor of Optometry (OD)/Master of Public Health (MPH) dual degree allows matriculated OD students to earn a Master of Public Health degree through Midwestern University with shared credit between the two programs. We also offer a Doctor of Optometry (OD)/Master of Precision Medicine (M.S.) dual degree, that allows matriculated OD students to earn a Master of Precision Medicine degree through Midwestern University with shared credit between the two programs.	Y	Post-Graduate Certificate in Precision Medicine (PGCert)
CCO Chicago College of Optometry, Midwestern University	Y	The Doctor of Optometry (OD)/Master of Public Health (MPH) dual degree allows matriculated OD students to earn a Master of Public Health degree through Midwestern University with shared credit between the two programs. We also offer a Doctor of Optometry (OD)/Master of Precision Medicine (M.S.) dual degree, that allows matriculated OD students to earn a Master of Precision Medicine degree through Midwestern University with shared credit between the two programs.	Y	Post-Graduate Certificate in Precision Medicine (PGCert)
IAUPR Inter American Univ of Puerto Rico, School of Optometry	N		N	
ICO Illinois College of Optometry	Y	ICO offers the ability of students in the OD program to graduate with a Master of Science in Clinical Vision Research	N	
IUSO Indiana University, School of Optometry	Y	MS and PhD	Y	Certificate in the Business of EyeCare in conjunction with the Kelley School of Business.
KYCO Univ of Pikeville, Kentucky Coll of Opt				
MCO Michigan Coll of Opt at Ferris State Univ	N		N	
MCPHS Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, School of Optometry	Y	Dual OD/MPH degree program: This program option enables matriculated Doctor of Optometry (OD) students to also earn a Master of Public Health degree. Students will apply to the OD/MPH in the spring of their first year, and if accepted, begin MPH courses that summer. The MPH program consists of a Community Health concentration with an overview of the five core disciplines of public health: Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Environmental Health Science, Health Policy and Management, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. Students in the OD/MPH program complete a total of 214 credits to earn the dual degree; 177 credits for the OD program and 41 credits for the MPH program (4 credits from the OD program also count towards the MPH degree). Optometrists with an MPH could develop, administer, and evaluate eye and vision health programs and participate in and provide leadership to health-related agencies that foster public awareness of the need for eye and vision care.	N	
NECO New England College of Optometry	Y	The Master of Science in Vision Science emphazies hypothesis driven research and the development of analytical and problem solving skills in experimental vision science. The MS program requires the completion of graduate courses, execution of an original research project, and completion of a thesis. NECO offers both a stand-alone MS and a combined OD/MS program.	Y	The VA Boston Optometric Research Fellowship is a two-year, post-residency fellowship involving research, advanced clinical activities and graduate level coursework. The "interprofessional Polytrauma/TBI Rehabilitation Fellowship" is a new program open to optometrists but not exclusive to optometry, with the option of choosing a two-year research/clinical program OR a one-year clinical program. The purpose of this fellowship is to develop clinicians and scientists with knowledge and commitment to lead polytrauma and TBI efforts throughout VA, the nation, and the world.

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NOVA Nova Southeastern Univ, College of Optometry	Y	OD/MSCVR (Clinical Vision Research), OD/MPH (Public Health), OD/MSHI (Health Informatics), OD/MSN (Nutrion), OD/MSME (Medical Education), OD/MSDEM (Disaster and Emergency Management), OD/MBA (Business Administration)	N	
NSUOCO Northeastern State Univ-Oklahoma College of Opt	N		N	
OSU The Ohio State Univ, College of Optometry	Y	OSU optometry students can participate in the Combined OD/MS Program and earn both an OD and Master's degree in four years. Traditional MS and PhD degrees in Vision Science enable graduates to conduct independent basic, translational, or clinical science.	Y	The College of Optometry offers a two-year combined program including completion of an MS degree in Vision Science simultaneously with a residency in one of four clinical specialties: Cornea and contact lenses; Binocular vision and pediatrics; Low vision rehabilitation; Community outreach.
PCO/Drexel Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Drexel University, Elkins Park Campus	Y	Post-baccalaureate Program in Health Sciences	N	
PUCO Pacific University, College of Optometry	Y	Master of Science in Vision Science, PhD in Vision Science, Master of Education in Vision Function and Learning, Master of Business Administration	N	
RMUCOM Rocky Mountain Univ of Health Professions, College of Optometric Medicine	N		N	
SCCOMBKU Southern CA Coll of Opt at Marshall B. Ketchum Univ	Y	Master of Science in Vision Science. The degree can be earned as part of a combined OD/MS program over 4 years, as well as a stand-alone/traditional 2-year full-time program. The degree is research-based and successful completion requires an original/independent thesis, in additional to didactic coursework.	N	
SCO Southern College of Optometry	N		N	
SUNY State Univ of New York, College of Optometry	Y	Vision Science is the study of the structures and processes involved in vision. It includes physics, chemistry, anatomy, physiology, behavioral sciences, applied mathematics and engineering, as these subjects apply to the visual system. A career path typically includes academia or industry. Full-time students in the graduate program may work towards a PhD degree or an MS degree in Vision Science. OD students or graduates can apply for the combined OD-MS part-time or OD-PhD program full-time. A combined Residency/Ph.D. and Residency/M.S. program began in the Fall of 2016.	Y	1) SUNY Optometry offers microcredentials in six areas: low vision/ocular disease, vision rehabilitation, cornea and contact lenses, glaucoma, pediatrics, and myopia management. (Important to note: the microcredentials are not accredited certificate programs). 2) Qualified students working toward their OD degree may apply for the Advanced Graduate Certificate in Optometry Business Management. The certificate is offered jointly by the College and SUNY Empire State College.
UABSO Univ of AL at Birmingham, School of Optometry	Y	The following graduate degrees are available within the UABSO program; OD/MBA in Business Administration, OD/MS in Vision Science, OD/MPH in Public Health, MS in Vision Science, and PhD in Vision Science. The graduate program offers a variety of fields to conduct research ranging from basic science, translational, to clinical research.	N	

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UCB University of California, Berkeley, Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Vision Science	Y	Ph.D. in Vision Science. This program emphasizes the interdisciplinary nature of vision science research through broad exposure to the concepts and techniques used in specialized fields. Engaged in laboratory-based and clinical research, our students work with faculty whose research matches their interests.	N	
UDMSO University of Detroit Mercy School of Optometry	N		N	
UHCO University of Houston, College of Optometry	Y	Graduate program in physiological optics and vision science	N	
UIWRSO Univ of the Incarnate Word, Rosenberg School of Optometry	Y	The Graduate Program in Vision Science offers Master of Science (MS) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees in Vision Science which ensure that the successful graduate acquires knowledge, skills, and abilities, as well as experience and focused training to conduct independent research in Vision Science. The Program provides a broad, graduate-level core curriculum in vision science, optics, binocular vision, ocular anatomy, physiology, genetics, statistics and research methodology. Successful candidates receive -depth training to conduct basic, applied and/or clinical vision research, achieve proficiency in developing and presenting basic and advanced material as effective lectures in small to large classes, grand rounds, continuing education venues, and as peer-reviewed presentations at major national and international meetings. The MS may be completed in as little time as 16 months and the PhD in 33 months.	Y	Effective 1 July 2026 UIWRSO now offer a joint program funded by the USAF which provides both the MS in Vision Science and Fellowship in Operational Performance Enhancement.
UMSL Univ of Missouri at St. Louis, Coll of Optometry	N		N	
WUCO Western Univ of Health Sciences, Coll of Opt	N		N	