

Bachelor of Optometry

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why should one choose a Bachelor of Optometry?

Answer: Bachelor of Optometry is one of the most preferred branches of Allied Healthcare Professional courses. It offers the knowledge of basic science disciplines like anatomy, physiology along with the professional discipline like Refraction and Ocular diseases.

2. What is the duration of the course?

Answer: The duration of Bachelor of Optometry is 4 years inclusive of internship

3. What are the eligibility criteria for this course?

Answer: A pass in the 12th Board Exam with Biology as a compulsory paper.

4. Are these courses recognized?

Answer: Yes, these courses are recognized and have excellent scope in getting recruited in esteemed medical institutions.

5. Do students of Optometry analyse medical diagnosis?

Answer: Although the Physician or Surgeon does the diagnosis, the students are exceptionally trained in Clinical Sciences to support and analyse the performed diagnosis.

6. Do the students receive only a basic level of training in Clinical Sciences?

Answer: No, the students are trained with the motive of handling complete patient care in mind. After completing Optometry, a student can assess, diagnose, and treat patients with Binocular abnormalities by giving therapy, Contact lens prescription, Low vision management by prescribing appropriate tools

7. Is there a possibility for research avenues?

Answer: Since all the Allied Health Sciences programmes revolve around clinical dimensions, the opportunities for research are humongous.

8. Is this course affordable?

Answer: We have a standard tuition fee like any other institution, however, the Optometry course is much more affordable.

9. Does this course fall into the professional category?

Answer: Yes, as per the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, which was published in the Gazette of India (CG-DL-E-28032021-226213) on March 28, 2021, Optometrist are considered as Healthcare professionals.

10. What is the global view of the Optometry programme?

Answer: Bachelor of Optometry is internationally appreciated and each country has their own Optometry programme.

11. Do Indian students get to work abroad with this degree?

Answer: Yes, most Indian students acquire experience post their undergraduate and postgraduate programmes and then seek an International career. Some countries have qualifying examinations to be cleared before practicing as professionals.

12. What departments require Optometry personnel?

Answer: Optometry professionals are required in all the major specialities in Medicine, Occupational therapy, Pre-operative, Post-operative, and Outpatient Divisions. Community medicine & Public health.

13. How Optometrist are referred to as?

Answer: Optometrist will be referred as Optometrist.

14. What is the duration of the Internship?

Answer: As directed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the minimum duration of the internship is 1500 hours, which has to be fulfilled within the span of 1 year after clearing all the theory and practical exams.

15. Is there a postgraduate programme in a similar discipline?

Answer: Yes, Optometry postgraduation is offered both in India and abroad.

16. Do students have an option to pursue a doctoral programme in Optometry?

Answer: All students who complete their undergraduate and postgraduate studies in Optometry are qualified for a doctoral programme in Optometry.

17. Are there any memberships available for students?

Answer: Yes, Optometry has memberships and alumni associations all over the country to form a distinctive community of professionals in sharing their knowledge.

18. Where will be the students posted for clinical postings?

Answer: Clinical postings starts from semester 4. Students will be posted in Smart vision clinic. Starting from semester 6, students will be posted in Optometry department like , Refraction unit, Orthoptics, Contact lens, Computer vision clinic, Glaucoma clinic alongside Doctors.

19. Where do the students apply for internships?

Answer: University arranges the internship at Smart Vision Clinic. If the student is interested to find on their own, they can apply for internships at reputed hospitals & primary and secondary healthcare centres.

20. What is the average salary for a Physiotherapy professional if they are freshers?

Answer: Freshers usually start with a Pay Scale of 15,000 and experienced professionals can avail a Pay Scale of 35,000 depending on the seniority.

21. Is a career in Optometry valued?

Answer: Optometry careers have a greater scope because of the growing need in the health care industry.

22. Do I have to do any project or assignment during the course of Physiotherapy?

Answer: Yes. Assignments are part of the internal assessment during every semester. Whereas, a project is compulsory and it has to be submitted only by the end of the 8th semester.

23. What are all the electives available in Optometry Postgraduation?

Answer: Electives like orthoptics, Paediatric Optometry, Low vision, Contact lens, Dry eye, Community Rehabilitation & Sports Vision. Depending upon the institution the number of electives offered may vary.

24. After completing a Bachelor of Optometry can I study Postgraduate in another field?

Answer: Yes, after completing bachelors in Optometry, a student can do masters in other fields like Public Health, Hospital Management Provided that the field is related to medicine and healthcare.

25. What are the job opportunities for an Optometrist?

Answer: There are numerous job opportunities. An Optometrist can set up their own clinic, Work in a clinic, Hospital, Educational institution, Work with MNC companies in Research and Development and also become an educator. They can also work in the field of medical coding, medical transcription, medical content writing, and insurance claim.