Overview

If you are commencing in Term 2 2020 under the Government’s Higher Education Relief Package due to COVID-19, please refer to the advice in the Additional Information section below.

The Graduate Certificate in Optometry is designed to provide you with knowledge and clinical skills in vision science. This degree has been designed with a variety of teaching methods and intends to appeal to new and established practitioners who hold an undergraduate degree in optometry. On completion, you will have disciplinary knowledge as well as the skills to meet the demands of the profession. The degree doesn't provide clinical training for registration to practise as an optometrist in Australia.
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Learning Outcomes

1. To provide graduates with appropriate training and experience in effective communication to a range of audiences including one-on-one interactions with patients and to a group.
2. To provide students with a national and global outlook on contemporary issues most relevant to research and the practice of optometry.
3. To provide an effective and enriched learning environment that is evidenced based and conducive to the development of communication, critical thinking and problem solving skills.
4. To provide advanced disposinary knowledge that is both theoretical and practical in a number of contemporary fields most relevant to the optometry profession.
5. To provide students with training in the use of specialised optometric technologies and methodologies
6. To provide training in evidence based practices to foster life-long learning, critical analysis and independent enquiry.

Graduate Capabilities:

For more information on Graduate Capabilities, please click on this link.
Program Structure

Students must complete 24 UOC as a standalone program.

Core Course

Students must take 6 UOC of the following courses.

OPTM7302 | 6 UOC
Evidence Based Optometry

Prescribed Electives

Students must take at least 18 UOC of the following courses.

OPTM7003 | 6 UOC
Epidemiology of Blinding Eye Diseases

OPTM7005 | 6 UOC
Eye Health Economics and Sustainability

OPTM7006 | 6 UOC
Eye Care Program Management

OPTM7103 | 6 UOC
Behavioural Optometry 1

OPTM7104 | 6 UOC
Advanced Contact Lens Studies 1

OPTM7108 | 6 UOC
Research Skills in Optometry

OPTM7110 | 6 UOC
Public Health Optometry
Enrolment Disclaimer

Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
Admission Requirements

Entry Requirements

The minimum requirement is the equivalent of a three-year AQF level 7 Bachelor degree in Optometry with a credit average. Students with an average between 60 and 65 will be considered for admission at the discretion of the Postgraduate Coordinator taking into consideration performance in Optometry courses completed in the undergraduate program.

If you successfully complete the requirements for this program with a credit average you may apply to articulate into the Master of Optometry with credit for all courses completed.

For more information about admission requirements for various UNSW programs, visit the following website(s):

Domestic Students
International Student
Pathways

Articulation Arrangements

Other program(s) within articulated suite:

Master of Optometry - MOptom
8073 Optometry and Vision Science

Faculty: Faculty of Science
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 72
Typical Duration: 1.7 Years

Read More
Additional Information

Domestic students commencing in Term 2 2020 under the Government’s COVID-19 Higher Education Relief Package can enrol in a maximum of 4 courses (24 units of credit) across Term 2 and Term 3 2020 at the discounted fee rates.

Further information about the COVID-19 Higher Education Relief Package is at https://student.unsw.edu.au/herp

It is recommended that students enrol in the following courses available online:

**Recommended courses:**

Term 2: OPTM7611 Introduction to Myopia  +  OPTM7104 Advanced Contact Lenses

Term 3: OPTM7612 Myopia Management + OPTM7302 Evidence Based Optometry

**Other course options:**

**Term 2:** OPTM7107 Ocular Therapy 1, OPTM7115 Visual Neuroscience, OPTM7208 Research Skills in Optometry, OPTM7218 Research Project, OPTM7511 Advanced Ocular Disease 1

**Term 3:** OPTM7107 Ocular Therapy 1, OPTM7003 Epidemiology of Blinding Eye Disease, OPTM7208 Research Skills in Optometry, OPTM7218 Research Project, OPTM7521 Advanced Ocular Disease 2
Program Fees

At UNSW fees are generally charged at course level and therefore dependent upon individual enrolment and other factors such as student's residency status. For generic information on fees and additional expenses of UNSW programs, click on one of the following:

- Domestic Students
- Commonwealth Supported Students
- International Students
Pre-2019 Handbook Editions

Access past handbook editions (2018 and prior)

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