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The college complies with the Tennessee College and University Security Information Act of 1989. Any current student, applicant for admission or employee of the college may obtain a copy of the College's most recent CUSIA report by contacting the Vice President for Student Services.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*To educate men and women in the art and science of optometry.*

**S**outhern College of Optometry is an independent, not-for-profit, coeducational institution of higher education operating under a general welfare corporation charter granted by the State of Tennessee. The mission of Southern College of Optometry is to educate men and women in the art and science of Optometry. In support of this mission, Southern College of Optometry is committed to:

#### **Our Students**

- Foster an environment which encourages intellectual curiosity, critical analysis of information, clarity of expression, and self-directed life-long learning;
- Provide a comprehensive, patient-centered educational program of study designed to prepare the graduate for the dynamic practice of optometry;
- Promote by example the development of professional and ethical behavior;

#### **Our Faculty and Staff**

- Provide an equitable employment environment that rewards outstanding performance and personal commitment to the mission of the college;
- Provide opportunities for scholastic achievement, research, and professional development;

#### **The Public**

- Provide quality, cost effective, accessible health care;
- Serve the general welfare of the public through educational and research programs;
- Serve as a recognized resource for information regarding eye and vision care;

#### **The Profession of Optometry**

- Instill in our graduates a personal responsibility for and commitment to the profession of optometry;
- Provide optometrists the opportunity for continued professional development.

## Accreditation

Southern College of Optometry is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, telephone number: (404) 679-4500, to award the Doctor of Optometry degree.

Southern College of Optometry is accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education of the American Optometric Association, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141, telephone number: (314) 991-4100, to award the Doctor of Optometry degree.

The college is a member of Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities and a charter member of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry. Courses leading to the Doctor of Optometry degree are approved for the training of veterans. Documents describing the college's accreditation may be reviewed by contacting the Vice President for Academic Affairs, or you may contact the accrediting bodies directly.

## Facilities

The college was founded in Memphis in 1932 and has been located at its present site since 1954.

The Southern College of Optometry campus consists of six buildings, landscaped green space and plenty of free and secure parking.

Built in 1970, the college's high-rise academic facility at 1245 Madison houses state-of-the-art multimedia classrooms, computer resource center, library, optometry and biomedical labs, faculty and administrative offices, student lounge/dining facility, a multipurpose conference center, and a student union including bookstore. The optometry teaching laboratory contains 30 teaching stations in two labs (one for basic clinical skills and the other for advanced procedures) to provide students with pre-clinical training.

In 2007, the college opened The Hayes Center for Practice Excellence on the 10th floor of the 1245 Madison building. The Hayes Center provides educational resources for best practice solutions and ideas on how to own and manage a private practice.

The college's newest building, The Eye Center, houses a state-of-the-art vision and eye care facility designed for patient care and optometric clinical education.

The Eye Center boasts specially designed components intended to meet special needs. There are 69 fully-equipped optometric examination rooms; there are 14 individual spaces for advanced technology-based testing; and a full suite of examination and treatment rooms that are occupied by a secondary and tertiary care ophthalmology practice. The Eye Center also features a retinal laser center, a digital angiography center, an area designed for technician work-ups of patients, conference rooms of varying sizes

designed for group learning, a patient simulation laboratory, a spacious optical service area and specifically designed practice suites that enable students to experience a more normal practice atmosphere. This facility is designed to be patient friendly, student friendly and doctor friendly.

Students assist experienced staff optometrists and physicians in providing care for patients in The Eye Center in the areas of primary care optometry, pediatrics and vision therapy, contact lenses, eye disease, geriatrics and low vision, and dispensing. The college also provides services in several external clinics to serve Mid-South residents and to provide clinical education for its students. Externship sites are available throughout the country for the advanced clinical education of fourth-year students.

The library occupies an entire floor and contains visual science and related materials. Unique features include a microfilm collection of doctoral dissertations related to visual science and video resources used as supplements to course lectures and laboratories. The library produces VISIONET, a highly regarded index of vision literature. Literature searches from this database are free for students.

The Department of Instructional Technologies is responsible for the overall coordination and development of innovative technologies at the college, especially computer-aided instruction. The Department maintains the Learning Resource Center (LRC), which provides equipment and technical support to enhance the understanding of the substantive and procedural aspects of optometry. Included in the LRC are computers and multimedia equipment for audio and video resources. Instructional Technologies also provides workshops and other types of instructional programs for faculty and students regarding the use of innovative instructional technologies.

Students participate in a variety of team sports and athletic endeavors at the recently renovated Activity Center. Also available for spouses and guests, the center houses an indoor basketball/volleyball court, two racquetball courts, exercise equipment, game room, and lockers and showers. Ample free parking is available for properly registered vehicles.

## Housing

According to the American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association, Memphis has one of the lowest costs of living in the nation among cities with populations of more than 500,000, and most entering students are able to find suitable apartments soon after their arrival in the city. Rental housing is readily available, and many apartment buildings are located in the vicinity of the college. For those interested, the Admissions Office maintains housing packets that contain a street index, city map, apartment guide, and an apartment locator service brochure. The office also

maintains a roommate list for those interested in sharing expenses with another entering student. Contact the Admissions Office at 1-800-238-0180 for further information.

## DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY



**D**octors of Optometry are independent primary health care providers who specialize in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of diseases and disorders of the visual system, the eye and associated structures, as well as the diagnosis of related systemic conditions. Among the types of treatment optometrists use are prescription glasses, contact lenses, vision therapy, low vision aids, and pharmaceutical agents for the treatment of ocular disease.

During an examination, the Doctor of Optometry also assesses general health conditions. Diabetes, high blood pressure, and arteriosclerosis are often detected during a vision examination. The diagnosis of systemic manifestations of ocular disease is necessary to preserve and enhance the patient's quality of life. When appropriate, the optometrist refers patients to other health care professionals and frequently works with them in co-managing the patient's condition.

Vision constantly changes throughout a person's lifetime and, as it does, vision care needs change as well. Doctors of Optometry provide optometric examinations and treatment which may prevent a patient's vision problem from developing into a serious vision impairment.

Those who choose optometry enjoy challenging and rewarding careers. An optometrist may help a child whose school work is hindered by visual problems, a worker whose vision problem causes safety hazards on the job, or an elderly patient who may have needlessly given up reading.

Doctors of Optometry are the major providers of primary eye care in America, with 35,855 optometrists practicing in 6,461 communities nationwide. In over 3,500 of these communities, optometrists are the only primary vision care providers.

The type of practice setting which the optometrist may enter is also expanding. While private solo practice is still the predominant mode of practice, more optometrists are entering into partnerships or group practices with other optometrists or other health care providers. Health maintenance organizations, the military, Veterans' Administration Medical Centers and hospitals offer optometrists unique opportunities to be an integral part of the health care delivery team.

The Doctor of Optometry enjoys the benefits of financial security, independence, and prominent status in the community. The 2007 American Optometric Association Economic Survey reported that the average net income for optometrists in 2006 was \$131,197.

**N**ew classes enter in August of each year. Applications for admission may be submitted one year prior to the expected year of entry, but should be received **no later than March 1**. Applications and undergraduate transcripts should be forwarded as early as possible during the admissions cycle and all other supporting documents soon afterwards. **Since applications are processed as they are received and acceptances are offered on a rolling admissions basis, early application is encouraged.** The most promising applicants are invited to the college for a personal interview.

Applicants are accepted on the basis of:

- a) Competitive undergraduate academic performance;
- b) Competitive scores on the Optometry Admission Test (OAT);
- c) Letters of recommendation from the pre-optometry advisor and a non-related optometrist;
- d) Personal interview; and
- e) Factors such as motivation and goals, professionalism, communication skills, consistency in achievement, optometric exposure, extracurricular performance, etc.

Should you have questions, please call the Admissions Office at (800) 238-0180.

**Regional & Non-Regional Admissions**

Southern College of Optometry welcomes applications from all states and countries. The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) contracts with Southern College of Optometry for a limited number of positions for competitive applicants from the following states: AR, GA, KY, LA, MS\*, NC\*, SC, TN and WV. These reserved positions entitle students to be eligible for regional tuition. For 2008-2009, regional tuition is \$17,488 and non-regional is \$22,488. For NC entering students, regional tuition is \$9,388 for the 2008-09 academic year.

To be eligible for one of the reserved positions, the applicant must be a bona fide resident of that state and be certified by the appropriate state authority. Residency certification information is available from the college upon request. It should be noted that residency certification does not guarantee a reserved position. Should a state reduce or cancel the contract under which places are reserved for its applicants, those seats will reflect the reduction or will revert to non-regional status.

Kansas\* contracts directly with the College for up to three reserved positions in each entering class, lowering each student's tuition by \$5,200. Nebraska offers a tuition assistance program in the amount of \$12,750/year for up to three bona fide residents in each entering class.

*\* Some states require that a student holding a regional seat to return to the state to practice. The stipulations by these states (KS, MS, NC) are exclusively between the state and student.*

Once the applicant has been admitted to the college, the state of residence may not be changed. Enrolled students who were not certified Tennessee residents at the time of matriculation are ineligible to become Tennessee residents as far as the SREB program is concerned. These non-Tennessee students, however, can become state residents for voter and car registration purposes, tuition payments at public colleges and universities, and other rights and privileges granted to state residents.

**Pre-professional**

An applicant for admission to the college is required to complete at least 90 semester hours of accredited undergraduate work in order to be accepted. **Preference will be given to applicants with baccalaureate or higher degrees.** Applications can be submitted after completion of two years or 60 semester hours of undergraduate work if the candidate is eligible to continue at the last school attended. Specific prerequisites or their equivalents include the following:

**English.** This requirement will be satisfied by completing at least one year of college-level courses in composition or literature. The successful applicant will be able to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Speech/oral communication is not acceptable for this prerequisite.

**Mathematics.** Calculus I is required; a course covering analytical geometry with calculus is accepted. Business Calculus is accepted. The course Short Calculus is not accepted. If a student has successfully completed a calculus course, he or she would not be required to take other lower level math courses (i.e., algebra, trigonometry).

**Statistics.** An introductory course in statistics is required. Statistics taken in any department (psychology, education, biology, business, etc.) offering an appropriate course is acceptable.

**Biological Sciences.** One year of college-level general biology or zoology is required, as is at least one course in microbiology or bacteriology. Courses must include appropriate laboratories.

Additional courses in comparative anatomy and physiology are strongly recommended.

**Chemistry.** One year of inorganic (general) chemistry with appropriate laboratories. One course in organic chemistry with laboratory. One course in biochemistry (no lab required).

**Physics.** This requirement will be satisfied by completion of one year of college-level physics courses with appropriate laboratories. Advanced courses in optics and/or light will be helpful in the study of optometry.

**Psychology.** This requirement will be satisfied by completing at least one college-level course in general or introductory psychology. Additional courses in perception and learning will be helpful in the study of optometry.

**Social Science.** One year of college-level work in the social sciences is required. This requirement

may be satisfied by completing courses in any of the social science disciplines, including history, geography, sociology, psychology (beyond the introductory level), political science, economics, philosophy, religion, and anthropology.

**Electives.** An applicant who has excelled in the required courses and performed well on the OAT may complete electives in the social sciences or humanities, if desired. An applicant with weaknesses in certain basic sciences, as indicated by the GPA and OAT scores, should take more coursework in these areas. The college also strongly encourages applicants to enroll in introductory business and/or computer science courses in order to provide a basis for practice management courses.

### Advanced Placement

Advanced placement and/or CLEP credit is acceptable if documentation is provided on the undergraduate transcript. However, the admissions committee may recommend/require additional science coursework covering the AP or CLEP credit based upon overall academic performance and/or OAT scores. Please contact the Admissions Office if you have any questions regarding AP or CLEP credits.

### Minimum Technical Standards

Successful completion of the optometry curriculum, and the practice of optometry, requires manual dexterity, visual acuity, eye-hand coordination, and effective communication skills. Accordingly, the candidate should be able to:

1. Perform finely coordinated visual-motor procedures on patients using appropriate or sufficiently acceptable instrumentation under various levels of illumination; and,
2. Communicate effectively with patients.

Course requirements and clinical requirements are applicable to all students and cannot be waived. Students are required to serve as "patients" for other students for instructional purposes in many of the laboratory courses; consequently, optometric procedures will be performed on all enrolled students.

### Recommended Pre-optometry Curriculum<sup>#</sup>

FRESHMAN YEAR	
Fall Semester	Credits*
English	3
General Biology/Zoology	4
General Chemistry I	4
Algebra/Trigonometry	3 <sup>(a)</sup>
General Psychology	3
Spring Semester	Credits
English	3
General Biology/Zoology	4
General Chemistry II	4
Calculus I	3 <sup>(b)</sup>
Electives	1-4 <sup>(c)</sup>

### SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall Semester	Credits
General Physics I	4
Social Science	3
Organic Chemistry I	4
Microbiology	4

Spring Semester	Credits
General Physics II	4
Social Science	3
Organic Chemistry II	4 <sup>(a)</sup>
Statistics	3

### JUNIOR YEAR

Fall Semester	Credits
Physiology	4 <sup>(a)</sup>
Biochemistry	3
Electives	8-11 <sup>(c)</sup>

Spring Semester	Credits
Comparative Anatomy	4 <sup>(a)</sup>
Cell Biology	4 <sup>(a)</sup>
Electives	8-11 <sup>(c)</sup>

### SENIOR YEAR<sup>†</sup>

Courses required to complete bachelor's degree.

- Notes:** a) *Recommended.*  
 b) *Courses combining analytical geometry with calculus are acceptable (usually Calculus I).*  
 c) *The College strongly encourages applicants to enroll in introductory business and computer science courses in order to enhance practice management skills.*  
 \* *All credits are semester hours.*  
 # *Courses are required unless otherwise noted.*  
 † *Preference will be given to applicants with baccalaureate degrees.*

### Advisor Assistance

Southern College of Optometry will assist advisors in the selection of appropriate pre-optometry courses at their own schools. Most questions can be answered by telephone/e-mail. Occasionally, a copy of that school's catalog (with course descriptions) will be needed by our staff. Contact the Admissions Department for assistance.

### The Application Process

Applications can be submitted beginning in August of the year prior to expected entry, and early application is encouraged. Applications can be received online at [www.sco.edu](http://www.sco.edu) or by paper application, which can be obtained from the Admissions Office or downloaded and printed from our webpage.

Before any action can be taken or an interview granted, a properly completed application, the \$50 non-refundable application fee, and official undergraduate transcripts documenting successful completion of at least 60 semester hours must be received.

The following documents should also be submitted as early as possible during the application process (it is not necessary to submit all documents at one time):

- 1) Official transcripts from all previous colleges attended.
- 2) Letters of recommendation from both the

- pre-optometry advisor and a Doctor of Optometry.
- 3) Official Optometry Admission Test (OAT) scores.
- 4) Essay responses.
- 5) Certification of state residency (if from a state participating in the SREB contract program or any other tuition assistance program). A form will be provided upon receipt of admissions application.

The earlier these documents are received, the sooner a decision can be made concerning the granting of an interview as well as a decision regarding acceptance.

A candidate should contact the Admissions Office before submitting an application under either of the following circumstances:

- a) GPA of less than 2.50;
- b) Previous enrollment in another optometry school or in any health professions school.

All documents submitted in support of an application for admission become the property of the college and cannot be returned. The college reserves the right to return an application which is not properly submitted.

### Transcripts from Previous Colleges Attended

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure receipt by SCO of official transcripts from every college attended, regardless of whether or not credits were earned. Each transcript must be sent directly to the college by the issuing institution. Once selected for admission, the applicant must forward subsequent transcripts to the college after the completion of each term of current enrollment. Grades in all repeated courses will be averaged together in computing the cumulative and prerequisite GPA.

### Letters of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation are required and must be mailed directly to the college by the recommending parties. One must be from a non-related optometrist and the second from the applicant's pre-optometry advisor or advisory committee. If the applicant does not have a pre-optometry advisor, a letter from a science instructor most familiar with the applicant's academic ability may be substituted. Letter of recommendation forms are included with the application for admission, but recommending parties may use business letterhead or other forms when submitting recommendations.

### Optometry Admission Test

OAT scores are required in support of an application for admission. The OAT includes sections covering biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, quantitative reasoning, reading comprehension and physics. It is recommended that applicants have had at least one year of college-level courses in these subjects before taking the OAT. Scores five years old or older are not acceptable.

The OAT is now offered via computer at

designated testing centers throughout the year. Information about the OAT, including online registration, can be found at [www.opted.org](http://www.opted.org).<sup>\*</sup> If you have questions about how your OAT score impacts your competitiveness at SCO, you should contact our Admissions Office at (800) 238-0180.

<sup>\*</sup> Applicants must take the test no later than March 1 to be eligible for admission the following August.

## International (F1 visa) Applications

Southern College of Optometry encourages and accepts applications from all countries. Students attending U.S. institutions on F-1 student visas (non-immigrants), however, are subject to prerequisites above and beyond those required for U.S. citizens or permanent residents. These include, but are not limited to, a certified copy of a birth certificate, official translations of academic records (Canadians are exempt from this requirement), TOEFL scores (applicants from English-speaking countries are exempt), a financial affidavit, and an advance deposit covering the first year's tuition, required fees, books and equipment. Second, third and fourth year international students pay tuition, required fees, books and equipment at regularly scheduled registrations.

It is recommended that non-immigrant applicants contact the Admissions Office for full details before submitting an application.

## Academic Enhancement

The completion of any professional degree program is a demanding task. An applicant who has not been enrolled full-time in an academic program for one year prior to the expected date of entry may be required to satisfactorily complete one full term of undergraduate work prior to his/her enrollment. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

An applicant may also be required to return to undergraduate school to validate out-dated science credits. Course credits in the science areas generally are considered out-of-date if five or more years will have elapsed between the completion of the courses and the expected date of entry to the college. Out-dated credits may be validated either by repeating one term of the course in question or by completing a next higher course. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

## Tentative Acceptance

An applicant who is selected for admission will be offered tentative acceptance. The letter of tentative acceptance will specify all conditions which must be satisfied for the acceptance to become final.

Prior to enrollment each student is required to submit an Applicant Information Sheet, a Student Health Record and a Physician's Report. Appropriate forms and instructions are provided by the college with the letter of tentative acceptance.

Students applying for financial aid may be required to submit one or more financial aid

transcripts from their pre-optometry colleges. When required, these financial aid transcripts must be sent directly to the college by the issuing institutions.

## Tuition Deposit Policy

Each accepted applicant is required to submit a \$500 advance deposit by a specified date to hold his/her seat for the next entering class. The specific timeline is listed below for each admissions cycle:

Acceptance Date	Deposit Due Date after Acceptance
Before October 31	8 weeks
Between Nov. 1 – Dec. 1	5 weeks
Between Jan. 1 – March 31	3 weeks
Between April 1 – May 1	2 weeks
After June 1	1 week

The advance payment includes a \$100 replacement fee and a \$400 prepaid tuition deposit. The entire \$500 advance payment is credited to the applicant's fall semester tuition at registration. Should the applicant cancel by April 30, the \$400 prepaid tuition deposit is refundable; thereafter, the deposit is non-refundable.

## Immunization Policy

All entering students must provide the Admissions Office with sufficient evidence that they are currently fully immunized against tetanus and diphtheria within the last 10 years; rubeola (red measles); rubella (German measles); mumps; varicella (chicken pox); Hepatitis B; and have had a tuberculin skin test (PPD) within the last 12 calendar months.

Upon acceptance, the college provides the appropriate form for a physician to document these immunizations as well as other health conditions. Entering students who fail to turn in the completed form will not be allowed to register.

The college complies with guidelines developed by the Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regarding HIV, Hepatitis B, tuberculosis and other infectious diseases. It is strongly recommended that students receive the applicable screenings and immunizations before beginning the clinical segment of the curriculum.

Accordingly, all first-year students will be assessed a Preventive Health Fee that covers the Hepatitis B immunization series, as well as annual tuberculosis skin tests, flu shots, and other preventive health measures. Information sessions and copies of the college's Exposure Control Plan will also be provided annually.

## Final Acceptance

A letter of final acceptance is issued when the applicant has fulfilled all conditions specified in the letter of tentative acceptance and the college has received the applicant's advance payment, final academic transcripts, Student Health Record, Physician's Report, notarized Applicant Information Sheet, and any financial aid transcripts required in connection with a

financial aid application.

An integral part of registration is the payment of an amount sufficient to cover the then-due charges for tuition, fees, books, instruments, and equipment. No student may complete registration without having paid all charges in full.

## Affiliated Degree

This program allows SCO students who successfully complete a minimum of three years of undergraduate credits and the first year of the Doctor of Optometry curriculum to earn a baccalaureate degree from the undergraduate college.

In effect, participants earn two degrees (bachelor's and O.D.) in a minimum of seven years instead of eight. The savings in tuition and/or educational loans can be substantial. Schools currently participating in the program include LeMoyne-Owen College (TN), South Carolina State University, and Union University (TN). Interested parties should contact the Admissions Office for more details.

## Transfer Policy

Transferring to Southern College of Optometry from another optometry school or from any health professions school is difficult. To be considered for transfer, the student must be currently enrolled and eligible to continue in the original school or if not currently enrolled, never dismissed or suspended from the original school and not on probation at the time of withdrawal.

If these conditions are met, the student will need to submit:

- 1) A letter from the dean or chief student affairs officer at the original school indicating the student departed or will depart in good standing and that the original school is aware of the student's desire to transfer;
- 2) A letter from the student indicating the reasons and motivation for transfer; and
- 3) Official copies of all undergraduate and health professions school transcripts.

If the candidate is deemed eligible for transfer and competitive by SCO standards based upon documentation received, the candidate would be invited for an admissions interview. Once the interview process is completed with the college's Admissions Committee, a decision would be rendered on the candidate's application.

Most students accepted for transfer are required to repeat all or most coursework and usually must begin as a first-year, first semester student. Once the application for transfer has been submitted along with all required documentation, the Vice President for Academic Affairs will determine if advanced standing is warranted and, if so, at what level in the program the student would be placed if admitted. It is also important to note that if advanced standing were approved, there must be an open seat at that level in the program for the transfer candidate to be eligible to be admitted with advanced standing.

## STUDENT LIFE



**A** big plus to spending four years at Southern College of Optometry is living in Memphis. With a metropolitan population of over one million, Memphis is home to such corporate giants as FedEx, Auto Zone, International Paper and one of the nation's top medical treatment centers. The city has been nationally recognized for its beauty and cleanliness. According to the American Chamber of Commerce Research Association, Memphis has one of the lowest costs of living among U.S. urban areas with central cities of more than 500,000 people. Situated on the banks of the Mighty Mississippi, the Bluff City celebrates annual events including the International Barbecue Cooking Contest, Memphis in May International Festival, and the Stanford/St. Jude Golf Classic. Memphis is rich in musical heritage. Elvis, Carl Perkins, W.C. Handy, Jerry Lee Lewis, Al Green, and many others all began their careers here.

Sight-seeing, recreational, and cultural events are numerous. SCO students will find Overton Park and Zoo, Beale Street—home of the Blues—and several professional theatres and art galleries nearby. Graceland, Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium, the National Ornamental Metal Museum, the Children's Museum of Memphis, and the National Civil Rights Museum are within a short drive of the campus. The city is also home to the NBA franchise, the Memphis Grizzlies, who play their games in the downtown arena, the FedEx Forum. Several municipal parks offering golf, swimming, tennis, walking trails, bridle paths, and picnic areas are open to the public, as are state parks and lakes within a short drive.

Most of your time at SCO, however, will be spent in optometric studies enhanced by various student activities. The following is a list of organizations, including honorary societies, available to interested students.

## Student Government Association

SGA presents student recommendations in school policy and governance matters to the proper administrative offices. The SGA President is an ex-officio member of the College's Board of Trustees. Composed of 48 members representing the executive council, class officers, and recognized student organizations, SGA sponsors the "Save your Vision Week," the SCOPE yearbook, student dances, and intramural sports.

## American Optometric Student Association

AOSA is a national organization of optometry students dedicated to the enhancement of educational, political and professional concerns. It provides a student voice within the profession of optometry and allows students to travel to the annual international AOSA Conference.

## Honorary Organizations

**Beta Sigma Kappa** – an international optometry honor fraternity whose purpose is to stimulate scientific attainment and ethical practice.

**Gold Key Society** – honors outstanding students whose professional and ethical attitudes are in the interest of service to their class, college, and profession.

**Student Ambassadors** – members assist in student recruitment, admissions, and public relations functions of the college. Ambassadors are selected each year from the first-year class on the basis of academic performance, nominations by faculty and staff, and interviews. Once selected, ambassadors continue serving until graduation.

**Who's Who** – based on leadership, scholarship, and value to the profession whose members are nominated by faculty and selected by the senior class.

## Special Interest Clubs

**College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD)** – dedicated to facilitate the awareness that vision involves more than eyesight and to expand the number of students that will deliver developmental vision care and vision therapy to their patients.

**Contact Lens Society** – organization open to third- and fourth-year students interested in expanding their knowledge of contact lenses through presentations by guest lecturers.

**Fellowship of Christian Optometrists** – for the promotion of good will and Christian belief within the profession of optometry.

**Jewish Optometric Organization** – for the fellowship of students of the Jewish faith.

**Lion's Club** – promoting service through community involvement, especially working with those who are visually impaired.

**Optometry Practice Club** – dedicated to prepare students for the business of optometry by providing resources and information from experienced persons, practices, and business entities.

**National Optometric Student Association (NOSA)** – dedicated to increasing minority representation in optometry.

**State Clubs** – fellowship for students of particular states.

**The Sports Vision Society** – provides vision care to athletes at the state and international levels.

**Student Volunteers in Optometric Service to Humanity (SVOSH)** – founded at SCO in 1975 to provide free eye care and glasses to the underserved in Central America. SVOSH members work year-round to prepare for their annual 10-day missions to various Central American countries. Activities include collect-

ing, inspecting and sorting donated eyeglasses; and various projects to help finance travel expenses. Membership is open to all interested students. Since 1975, SVOSH members have seen over 170,000 patients in 11 different countries.

## Sororities and Fraternities

**Gamma Omicron** – founded at SCO in 1973 and is open to any student interested in service to SCO and the surrounding community. Recent service projects have benefited St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Habitat for Humanity. Gamma Omicron has also sponsored vision care for the underserved in the community.

**Omega Delta, Iota Chapter** – oldest and largest optometric fraternity; activities include the SCO Holiday Party, tutoring retinoscopy for first-year students, camping and canoe trips, and other social events.



SVOSH mission to Maypen, Jamaica



SVOSH members in Poza Rico, Mexico.



NOSA Community Vision Screening

# CURRICULUM

## 1st Professional Year

FALL SEMESTER		Credit Hours	Lecture Hours	Lab/ Clinic Hours
OPT 110	Optometric Theory & Methods I	6	4	4
OPT 111	Optics of the Eye I	5	4	2
OPT 112	Anatomical Sciences I	5.5	4	3
OPT 113	Neuroanatomy	2	2	—
OPT 114	Human Physiology	3	3	—
OPT 116	Biochemistry of the Eye	1.5	1.5	—
		<b>Total 23</b>		

### SPRING SEMESTER

OPT 120	Optometric Theory & Methods II	4.5	3	3
OPT 121	Optics of the Eye II	5	4	2
OPT 122	Anatomical Sciences II	2.5	2.5	—
OPT 125	Ocular Motility	1.5	1.5	—
OPT 126	Visual Sensation & Perception	5.5	4.5	2
OPT 127	Ophthalmic Optics I	1.5	1	1
OPT 128	Ocular Physiology	2	2	—
OPT 129	Introduction to Optometry	1	1	—
		<b>Total 23.5</b>		

## 3rd Professional Year

SUMMER SEMESTER		Credit Hours	Lecture Hours	Lab/ Clinic Hours
OPT 301	Physical Diagnosis	0.5	—	1
OPT 302	Vision Rehabilitation	2.5	2	1
OPT 303	Vision Therapy	3	2	2
OPT 304	Strabismus & Amblyopia	2.5	2	1
OPT 305	Contact Lenses II	4	3	2
CLN 306	Clinical Internship I	6.5	—	20
OPT 307	Integrative Clinical Analysis I	2	—	2
		<b>Total 21</b>		

### FALL SEMESTER

OPT 310	Glaucoma	2	2	—
OPT 311	Neuro Eye Disease	2.5	2.5	—
OPT 312	Practice Management I	2	2	—
OPT 313	Posterior Segment II	3	3	—
CLN 316	Clinical Internship II	6.5	—	20
OPT 317	Integrative Clinical Analysis II	2	2	—
OPT 318	Seminar	1.5	—	1.5
		<b>Total 19.5</b>		

### SPRING SEMESTER

OPT 320	Peri-operative Management & Technology	2	2	—
OPT 321	Systemic Disease & Ocular Manifestations	1.5	1.5	—
OPT 322	Practice Management II	2	2	—
OPT 323	Public Health & Geriatrics	2	2	—
OPT 324	Legal & Ethical Aspects of Optometry	2.5	2.5	—
CLN 326	Clinical Internship III	6.5	—	20
		<b>Total 16.5</b>		

## 2nd Professional Year

FALL SEMESTER		Credit Hours	Lecture Hours	Lab/ Clinic Hours
OPT 210	Optometric Theory & Methods III	3.5	2	3
OPT 211	Pathological Sciences	5	5	—
OPT 212	Pharmacology I	3	3	—
OPT 213	Biochemistry of the Eye	1.5	1.5	—
OPT 214	Ocular Physiology	2	2	—
OPT 215	Foundations of Binocular Vision	2.5	2	1
CLN 216	Clinical Communication & Patient Care	1.5	—	4
OPT 217	Ophthalmic Optics II & Environmental Vision	3	2	2
		<b>Total 22</b>		

### SPRING SEMESTER

OPT 220	Optometric Theory & Methods IV	3	1.5	3
OPT 221	Anterior Segment Disease	5	4	2
OPT 222	Pharmacology II	3	3	—
OPT 223	Posterior Segment I	3.5	2.5	2
OPT 224	Pediatric Optometry	3	2	2
OPT 225	Contact Lenses I	3	2	2
CLN 226	Clinical Internship Introduction	1.5	—	4
		<b>Total 22</b>		

## 4th Professional Year

SUMMER SEMESTER		Credit Hours	Lecture Hours	Lab/ Clinic Hours
CLN 400	Adult Primary Care	4	—	12
CLN 401	Contact Lens	2.5	—	7.5
CLN 402	Pediatric Primary Care & Vision Therapy	3	—	9
CLN 403	Advanced Care Ocular Disease	2.5	—	7.5
— OR —		<b>Total 12</b>		
CLN 404	Externship	14	—	42

### FALL SEMESTER

CLN 410	Adult Primary Care	4	—	12
CLN 411	Contact Lens	2.5	—	7.5
CLN 412	Pediatric Primary Care & Vision Therapy	3	—	9
CLN 413	Advanced Care Ocular Disease	2.5	—	7.5
— OR —		<b>Total 12</b>		
CLN 414	Externship	14	—	42

### SPRING SEMESTER

CLN 420	Adult Primary Care	4	—	12
CLN 421	Contact Lens	2.5	—	7.5
CLN 422	Pediatric Primary Care & Vision Therapy	3	—	9
CLN 423	Advanced Care Ocular Disease	2.5	—	7.5
— OR —		<b>Total 12</b>		
CLN 424	Externship	14	—	42

**C**ourses numbered in the 100 series are for first professional year students, 200 for second professional year students, 300 for third professional year students, and 400 for fourth professional year students. The four-year program provides more than 4,000 clock hours of instruction in the sciences and clinical optometry and carries a minimum of 187 semester hours of credit. The curriculum listed below is categorized by professional year. Course prerequisites are noted and can only be waived by the instructor of record and the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

# 1<sup>st</sup>

## PROFESSIONAL YEAR

### **OPT 110**

#### **Optometric Theory & Methods I**

*(6 semester hours)*

Four hours of lecture and four hours of laboratory per week. Introduction to optometric theory and examination. Strategy of the examination and sequencing of the various tests and procedures. Medical record notation. Primary emphasis on chair skills to include visual acuity, stereopsis, color vision, Amsler grid, extraocular muscles, cover test, accommodation, convergence, confrontation fields, and pupillary reflexes. Instruction in objective retinoscopy techniques, subjective manifest refraction techniques, phorometry and keratometry. Lectures emphasizing the theory of these procedures and interpretation of their results to arrive at a preliminary diagnosis, and laboratories emphasizing clinical techniques.

### **OPT 111**

#### **Optics of the Eye I**

*(5 semester hours)*

Four hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory per week. Emphasis on geometrical and visual optics. Vergence of light, refracting and reflecting surfaces, thin and thick lenses, prisms, and mirrors. Induced prism and Prentice's rule. Spherical and astigmatic refractive error and its correction. Schematic eye models. Overview of clinical instruments including the keratometer, corneal topographer, and radiuscope.

### **OPT 112**

#### **Anatomical Sciences I**

*(5.5 semester hours)*

Four hours of lecture and three hours of laboratory per week. Gross structure of the human

body with emphasis on the head, neck, thorax, abdomen and visceral organs. Microscopic structure of human tissues and organs. Histogenesis of selected tissues. Laboratory includes gross anatomy of head, neck, thorax and abdomen; microscopic anatomy of ocular structures, orbit, adnexae and visual pathways; gross and detailed anatomy of the brain, cranial nerves and spinal cord. Embryological development of these structures.

### **OPT 113**

#### **Neuroanatomy**

*(2 semester hours)*

Two hours of lecture per week. Function and structure of the human central nervous system. Emphasis placed on the functional neuroanatomy of sensory, motor and autonomic systems. Testing and imaging modalities of the central nervous system. Practical applications of neuroanatomical knowledge that are essential in clinical practice. Detection of neurological disorders presenting in the clinical setting with emphasis on generation of differential diagnosis and problem solving.

### **OPT 114**

#### **Human Physiology**

*(3 semester hours)*

Three hours of lecture per week. Introduction to physiology with an emphasis on cellular physiology. Functions of cellular organelles, membrane transport, synaptic transmission, and properties of muscle and nerve cells. Integrated physiology of the major organ systems to include the circulatory, respiratory, renal, digestive, nervous, endocrine, and reproductive systems.

### **OPT 116**

#### **Biochemistry of the Eye**

*(1.5 semester hours)*

One and one-half hours of lecture per week. Basic principles of biosynthesis and bioenergetics of carbohydrates, lipids and proteins applied to ocular structures. Biochemical mechanisms of molecular biology, gene regulation and recent scientific methodology including genomics. Special emphasis on biochemical principles as they relate to the understanding and treatment of ocular disease.

### **OPT 120**

#### **Optometric Theory & Methods II**

*(4.5 semester hours)*

Three hours of lecture and three hours of laboratory per week. Continuation of OPT 110 with emphasis on case history and the etiology, diagnosis, and management of refractive errors

and convergence anomalies. Theoretical basis of the various tests used to diagnose refractive errors. Presentation of problem-oriented medical record keeping as well as formulation of diagnosis and treatment plans. Evaluation of accommodative and convergence relationships and their influence on retinoscopy and monocular and binocular subjective refractive results, as well as alternate examination techniques and the formulation of a diagnosis and treatment plan are emphasized in laboratory.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 110

## **OPT 121** **Optics of the Eye II**

(5 semester hours)

Four hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory per week. Emphasis on visual and physical optics. Optics of objective and subjective refraction. Ophthalmoscopy. Magnification and retinal image size. Optical aspects of accommodation and presbyopia. Effects of apertures and aberrations on optical systems. Optics of low vision devices. Topics in physical optics to include interference, diffraction, polarization, lasers, and photometry. Entopic phenomena. Role of the pupil as it affects depth of field, aberrations, and accommodation. Incidence, distribution, etiology, and development of refractive error.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 111

## **OPT 122** **Anatomical Sciences II**

(2.5 semester hours)

Two and one-half hours of lecture per week. Continuation of OPT 112.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 112

## **OPT 125** **Ocular Motility**

(1.5 semester hours)

One and one-half hours of lecture per week. Innervation, kinematics and actions of the extraocular muscles. Types of eye movements and their neurological control mechanisms. Relationship of eye movements to visual perception and the reading task. Clinical and research measurement techniques. Introduction to disorders of ocular motility and clinical diagnostic procedures.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 112

## **OPT 126** **Visual Sensation & Perception**

(5.5 semester hours)

Four and one-half hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory per week. Neurophysiology

of the visual system. Psychophysical methodology and its applications in research and the clinical setting. Clinical electrophysiology of the visual system. Perception of light including light and dark adaptation. Color vision and clinical assessment of color vision deficiencies. Spatial characteristics of the visual system, including contrast sensitivity, spatial resolution, and hyperacuity. Temporal aspects of vision, including processing time, temporal interactions, flicker sensitivity, and motion perception. Cognitive aspects of vision, including object recognition, visual illusions and visual attention. Effects of development, aging, and disease on visual function. Application of vision science to clinical optometry. Basic research methodology.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 112

## **OPT 127** **Ophthalmic Optics I**

(1.5 credit hours)

One hour of lecture and one hour of laboratory per week. Optical and physical properties of single vision and multifocal ophthalmic lenses. Ophthalmic frames, standard alignment and the boxing system. Neutralization of single vision and multifocal lenses. Study of aberrations, aspheric lenses, absorptive lenses, lens coatings, spectacle magnification and frame selection. Determination of vertical imbalance in the reading position. Instrumentation used to measure lens parameters

**Prerequisites:** OPT 111

## **OPT 128** **Ocular Physiology**

(2 semester hours)

Two hours of lecture per week. Physiology of ocular homeostasis and function of the eye to include function of the orbit and eyelids, tear production and drainage, and corneal physiology, transparency and wound healing. Physiology of the crystalline lens, vitreous, choroid, retina and uvea. Aqueous humor formation, circulation and drainage.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 112, 114 & 116

## **OPT 129** **Introduction to Optometry**

(1 semester hour)

One hour of lecture per week. Overview of the history of health care and the profession of optometry in the U.S. Current economic, legislative and organizational status of the profession. Professionalism and ethical behavior of health care professionals.



# **2nd** **PROFESSIONAL YEAR**

## **OPT 210** **Optometric Theory & Methods III**

(3.5 semester hours)

Two hours of lecture and three hours of laboratory per week. Continuation of OPT 110 and OPT 120 with an emphasis on the examination and evaluation of the ocular tissues, adnexae and visual pathways. Introduction and overview of the major categories of ocular disease, including vascular, infectious, degenerative, allergic, neurological and others. Underlying pathophysiological processes and the effect on ocular tissues and their functions. Basic tenets of ocular diagnostic pharmacology. Tonometry, gonioscopy, funduscopy, and visual field testing. Clinical procedures learned in OPT 110 and OPT 120 will be practiced in the laboratory along with those learned in the current semester.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 110 & 120

## **OPT 211** **Pathological Sciences**

(5 semester hours)

Five hours of lecture per week. Tissue response to disease and injury. Inflammation and repair, immunology and immunopathology, and cellular disease. Diseases of the organ systems to include mechanisms, clinical manifestations, and diagnosis. Introduction to the basic ocular manifestations of systemic disease.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 112, 113, 114, 122

## **OPT 212** **Pharmacology I**

(3 semester hours)

Three hours of lecture per week. Basic principles of pharmacology including drug

absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion, dosage, and routes of administration. Systemic, topical and ocular autonomic system medications. Anti-infective, anesthetic, anti-inflammatory and chemotherapeutic agents. Administration of systemic and ocular pharmaceutical agents.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 114 & 122

### **OPT 213** **Biochemistry of the Eye**

*(1.5 semester hours)*

One and one-half hours of lecture per week. Basic principles of biosynthesis and bioenergetics of carbohydrates, lipids and proteins applied to ocular structures. Biochemical mechanisms of molecular biology, gene regulation and recent scientific methodology including genomics. Special emphasis on biochemical principles as they relate to the understanding and treatment of ocular disease.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 112 & 122

### **OPT 214** **Ocular Physiology**

*(2 semester hours)*

Two hours of lecture per week. Physiology of ocular homeostasis and function of the eye to include function of the orbit and eyelids, tear production and drainage, and corneal physiology, transparency and wound healing. Physiology of the crystalline lens, vitreous, choroid, retina and uvea. Aqueous humor formation, circulation and drainage.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 112, 114 & 122

### **OPT 215** **Foundations of Binocular Vision**

*(2.5 semester hours)*

Two hours of lecture and one hour of laboratory per week. Psychophysical and physiological bases of binocular vision and stereopsis to include correspondence, retinal disparity, the horopter, physiological diplopia, and fusion. Sensory adaptation to abnormal binocular conditions, including suppression, rivalry, binocular confusion and anomalous correspondence. Development of binocular vision to include amblyogenesis and the treatment of amblyopia. Introduction to clinical tests of binocular summation, fusion, suppression, and the presence of amblyogenic factors.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 125 & 126

### **CLN 216** **Clinical Communication & Patient Care**

*(1.5 semester hours)*

One four-hour session per week. Introduction to clinic internship. Observing and assisting doctors and student interns in patient care. Participation in off-campus vision screenings or in Central Testing in The Eye Center. Refinement of selected clinical techniques with emphasis on proper communication. Students perform procedures and have discussions with simulated patients while being videotaped. Instructor critiques are provided. Other assignments may include written communications and/or oral presentations.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 110 & 120

### **OPT 217** **Ophthalmic Optics II & Environmental Vision**

*(3 semester hours)*

Two hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory per week. Ultraviolet radiation and sunglasses. Radiation and absorptive lenses. Impact resistance and government standards for ophthalmic lenses. ASTM standards for sports eyewear. Visual ergonomics and computer vision syndrome. Illumination and lighting standards. Fabrication of prescription eyewear. Contact lenses in the work environment. ANSI standards and safety glasses. Magnification of spectacle lenses, telescopes and magnifiers. Design and economics of in-office optical labs.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 111, 121 & 127

### **OPT 220** **Optometric Theory & Methods IV**

*(3 semester hours)*

One and one-half hours of lecture and three hours of laboratory per week. A compilation of material presented in OPT 110, 120 and 210 with an emphasis on binocular refractive procedures, phorometry, and near point testing. Lectures emphasizing analysis of symptoms, signs and examination results to arrive at a diagnosis and treatment plan for common ocular and visual anomalies. Analysis of patient records using the SOAP format will be emphasized in lectures. Laboratory time will emphasize the culmination of all clinical skills learned in OPT 110, 120 and 210 into an optometric examination sequence in preparation for examining patients in The Eye Center.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 110, 120 & 210

### **OPT 221** **Anterior Segment Disease & Treatment**

*(5 semester hours)*

Four hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory per week. Diagnosis, management, and treatment of diseases, disorders and injuries of the ocular adnexa and anterior segment of the eye. Pharmacological agents used to treat these conditions. Ocular microbiology. Laboratories to emphasize clinical procedures including cultures, punctal occlusion, punctal dilation and irrigation, foreign body removal, patching, and ocular injections.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 210, 211, 212 & 214

### **OPT 222** **Pharmacology II**

*(3 semester hours)*

Three hours of lecture per week. Continuation of OPT 212 to include drugs affecting the endocrine, ocular, central nervous, cardiovascular, respiratory, gastrointestinal, and genitourinary systems. Toxicology and drug interactions. Ocular side effects of systemic medications. Review of the main categories of ocular diagnostic and therapeutic medications.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 212

### **OPT 223** **Posterior Segment Disease & Treatment I**

*(3.5 semester hours)*

Two and one-half hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory per week. Diagnosis and treatment of diseases, disorders, and injuries of the vitreous, choroid, retina, and optic nerve head. Pharmacological agents that are used to treat these conditions. Labs emphasizing electrodiagnostics, fluorescein angiography, photography, ultrasonography and advanced visual field testing. Intravenous, subcutaneous and intramuscular injections.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 112, 122 & 211

### **OPT 224** **Pediatric Optometry**

*(3 semester hours)*

Two hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory per week. Diagnosis, management, and treatment of refractive conditions, binocular disorders, and eye diseases common in infants and children. Schema of normal growth and

development with an emphasis on expected vision development from birth throughout childhood. Strategies and procedures for treatment intended to maximize visual potential.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 215

### **OPT 225** **Contact Lenses I**

*(3 semester hours)*

Two hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory per week. History of contact lenses. Physiological effects of contact lens wear and complications. Optical design of contact lenses. Prefitting examination and patient selection. Design and fitting of rigid and hydrogel spherical lenses. Lens care systems and solutions. Clinical management of contact lens patients. Therapeutic applications of contact lenses.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 210

### **CLN 226** **Clinical Internship Introduction**

*(1.5 semester hours)*

One four-hour session per week. A continuation of CLN 216.

**Prerequisites:** CLN 216

# 3rd

## PROFESSIONAL YEAR

### **OPT 301** **Physical Diagnosis**

*(0.5 semester hour)*

Two hours of laboratory every other week. Practical aspects of physical diagnosis to include neurological evaluation, cardiovascular evaluation, clinical laboratory testing, and examination of the head and neck. Assessment of the cranial nerves. CPR, first aid, and medical emergencies.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 113 & 211

### **OPT 302** **Vision Rehabilitation**

*(2.5 semester hours)*

Two hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory every other week. Etiology and epidemiology of vision impairment. Prescription of optical and

non-optical devices used in the management of the low vision patient. Examination, treatment and management of patients with reduced vision. Interdisciplinary rehabilitation sources and counseling.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 217, 221 & 223

### **OPT 303** **Vision Therapy**

*(3 semester hours)*

Two hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory per week. Diagnosis of disorders of accommodation, binocular vision and visual perception. Management by means of motor and sensory therapy. Development of therapy regimens for these visual anomalies and prognoses for their resolution.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 110, 120, 215 & 224

**Co-requisite:** OPT 304

### **OPT 304** **Strabismus & Amblyopia**

*(2.5 semester hours)*

Two hours of lecture and one hour of laboratory per week. Diagnosis, management and treatment of strabismus and amblyopia. Prognosis for the resolution of these conditions will be emphasized. Diagnostic and treatment strategies outlined in OPT 303 may be foundational in nature for this course.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 110, 120, 215 & 224

**Co-requisites:** OPT 303

### **OPT 305** **Contact Lenses II**

*(4 semester hours)*

Three hours of lecture and two hours of laboratory per week. A continuation of OPT 225. Design and fitting of rigid and hydrogel toric contact lenses. Rigid lens modification. Multifocal contact lenses. Advanced applications of contact lenses, including pediatrics, keratoconus, post-surgical fitting, and contact lens corneal reshaping.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 225

### **CLN 306** **Clinical Internship I**

*(6.5 semester hours)*

Twenty hours of clinic per week. Weekly assignments will include participation with doctors of optometry or other physicians in comprehensive direct patient care, utilizing a full range of management modalities. Other assignments may include Grand Rounds, case review sessions, participation in patient care at external sites, Central Testing or The Optical.

**Prerequisites:** All first and second year courses and satisfactory completion of the pre-clinical competency evaluation in OPT 220.

### **OPT 307** **Integrative Clinical Analysis I**

*(2 semester hours)*

Two hours of seminar, small group setting, per week. Case presentation, problem-based learning format. Matching patient's presenting signs and symptoms with a diagnosis and treatment plan.



Proper test selection to aide in diagnosis and determine the best course of patient management, follow-up and prognosis.

**Prerequisites:** All first and second year courses.

### **OPT 310** **Glaucoma**

(2 semester hours)

Two hours of lecture per week. Diagnosis, management, and treatment of the various glaucomas including primary open angle, angle closure, infantile, and secondary glaucoma. Pharmacological agents used to treat the glaucomas. Review of clinical trials in glaucoma and ocular hypertension.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 113, 221 & 222

### **OPT 311** **Neuro Eye Disease**

(2.5 semester hours)

Two and one-half hours of lecture per week. Diagnosis, management, and treatment of neurological disorders that affect the adnexae, eye, and visual system. Basic aspects of ophthalmic neurology. Major psychiatric and neurological disorders. Diagnostic imaging of the visual system with emphasis on CT, MRI, MRA, MRV, CTA and angiography. Visual field defects in neuro-ophthalmic disorders.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 113

### **OPT 312** **Practice Management I**

(2 semester hours)

Two hours of lecture per week. Professional and economic aspects of the practice of optometry. Selection of a practice location, purchase of an existing practice, partnerships, and professional corporations. Practice as an employee or independent contractor, and other practice modalities. Equipping an office, personnel and office management, record and recall systems, taxes, insurance, third party reimbursement, and issues related to managed care. Professionalism. Basic finance and estate management. Professional referrals and relationships with other health care providers.

### **OPT 313** **Posterior Segment Disease & Treatment II**

(3 semester hours)

Three hours of lecture per week. A continuation of OPT 223.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 223

### **CLN 316** **Clinical Internship II**

(6.5 semester hours)

Twenty hours of clinic per week. Weekly assignments will include participation with doctors of optometry or other physicians in comprehensive direct patient care, utilizing a full range of management modalities. Other assignments may include Grand Rounds, case review sessions, participation in patient care at external clinics, Central Testing or The Optical.

**Prerequisites:** CLN 306

### **OPT 317** **Integrative Clinical Analysis II**

(2 semester hours)

Two hours of seminar per week. Integration of concepts from the basic and clinical science curriculum will be used to assess several patients' presenting signs and symptoms and begin to develop a diagnosis and treatment plan. Proper test selection to aide in diagnosis. How to determine the best course of patient management.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 317

### **OPT 318** **Seminar**

(1.5 semester hours)

One and one-half hours of seminar per week. Small group instruction on one of the following topics: research methodology, review of common clinical procedures, assorted clinical topics, advanced optometric findings or evidenced based medicine.

### **OPT 320** **Peri-operative Management & Technology**

(2 semester hours)

Two hours of lecture per week. Perioperative care for surgical management of various conditions including cataracts, glaucoma, corneal disease, and retinal disease. Perioperative care for laser treatment of various conditions including

posterior capsular haze, glaucoma, macular edema, diabetic retinopathy, and refractive error. Emphasis on technology used to aid in a timely diagnosis, urgency of referral, and management of post-operative complications..

### **OPT 321** **Systemic Disease & Ocular Manifestations**

(1.5 semester hours)

One and one half hours of lecture per week. Overview of systemic conditions with particular emphasis on their effects on the visual system.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 113, 211, 221, 223, 301 & 313

### **OPT 322** **Practice Management II**

(2 semester hours)

Two hours of lecture per week. Continuation of OPT 312.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 312

### **OPT 323** **Public Health & Geriatrics**

(2 semester hours)

Two hours of lecture per week. Concepts of epidemiology and public health, especially as they relate to eye care. Issues discussed include study design, screening and testing measures, health care delivery and administration, vulnerable populations and public policy. Diagnosis and treatment of selected refractive conditions, eye diseases, and visual anomalies common in elderly patients. Provision of eye care in out-of-office settings such as nursing homes. Psycho-social and economic factors associated with aging.

**Prerequisites:** OPT 113, 211, 221, 223, 301, 310 & 313

### **OPT 324** **Legal & Ethical Aspects of Optometry**

(2.5 semester hours)

Two and one-half hours of lecture per week. Legal obligations and ethical challenges for the optometrist as a health care provider. Ethics and its influence on decision making in clinical practice and research. Legal aspects of record-keeping, managed care, informed consent, malpractice, patient's rights, evaluation of visual disability, government regulations and requirements, and licensure.

## **CLN 326** **Clinical Internship III**

*(6.5 semester hours)*

Twenty hours of clinic per week. Weekly assignments will include participation with doctors of optometry or other physicians in comprehensive direct patient care, utilizing a full range of management modalities. Assignments will emphasize management of eye and visual conditions with appropriate application of various designs and types of contact lenses and low vision devices; management of conditions especially prevalent in children; treatment and management of acute onset ocular diseases or chronic conditions; assisting non-optometric physicians in the management of patients utilizing laser or other in-office surgical procedures. Additional assignments will include the application of vision therapy, case conferences, Grand Rounds, advanced procedure laboratories, participation in patient care at external clinics, Central Testing or The Optical.

**Prerequisites:** CLN 316

# 4<sup>th</sup>

## **PROFESSIONAL YEAR**

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## **CLN 400, 410, 420** **Adult Primary Care**

*(4 semester hours)*

Twelve hours of clinic per week. One or more assignments per week will be in Adult Primary Care, participating with doctors of optometry or other physicians in comprehensive direct patient care utilizing a full range of management modalities. Other assignments may include Grand Rounds, advanced procedure laboratories, case conferences, participation in patient care at external clinics, Central or Special Testing or providing services in The Optical.

**Prerequisites:** CLN 326

## **CLN 401, 411, 421** **Contact Lens**

*(2.5 semester hours)*

Seven and one-half hours of clinic per week. Assignments will be in the Contact Lens Service, participating with doctors of optometry or other physicians in comprehensive direct patient care utilizing a full range of management modalities.

Emphasis will be on the management of eye and visual conditions with appropriate application of various designs and types of contact lenses.

**Prerequisites:** CLN 326

## **CLN 402, 412, 422** **Pediatric Primary Care & Vision Therapy**

*(3 semester hours)*

Nine hours of clinic per week. Assignments will be in the Pediatric Primary Care Service or the Vision Therapy Service, participating with doctors of optometry or other physicians in comprehensive direct patient care utilizing a full range of management modalities. Emphasis will be on the management of conditions especially prevalent in children and the application of vision therapy as appropriate for treatment of patients of any age.

**Prerequisites:** CLN326

## **CLN 403, 413, 423** **Advanced Care Ocular Disease**

*(2.5 semester hours)*

Seven and one-half hours of clinic per week. Assignments will be in the Advanced Care Ocular Disease Service or the Low Vision Rehabilitation Service and consist of assisting doctors of optometry or other physicians in the diagnosis, treatment and management of ocular diseases. An emphasis is placed on acute onset conditions and chronic conditions which may involve intensive long-term management. Other assignments may include assisting physicians in the management of patients utilizing laser, surgical or low vision procedures.

**Prerequisites:** CLN 326

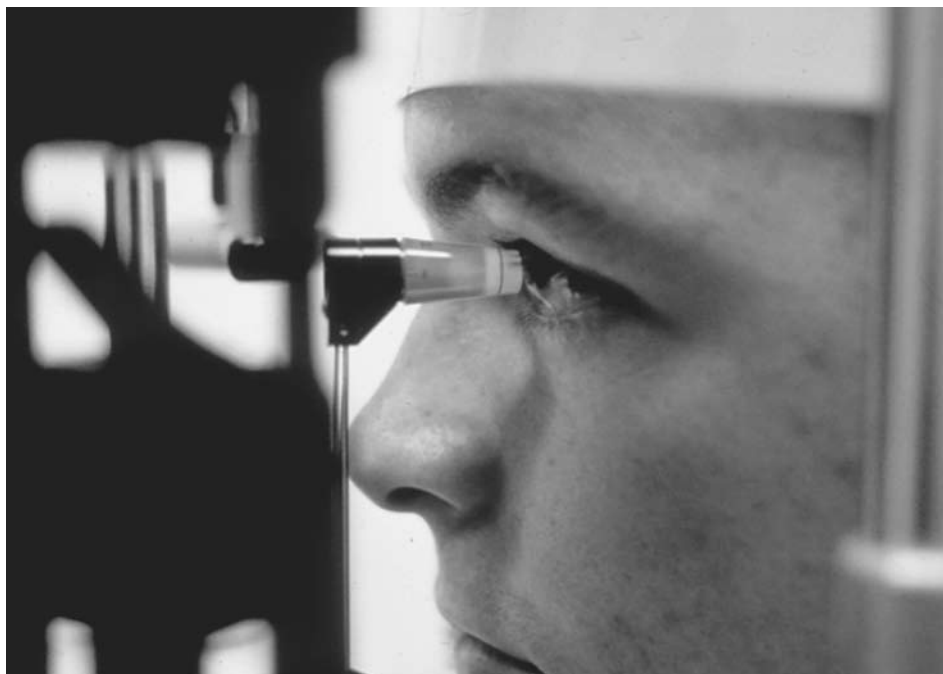
## **CLN 404, 414, 424** **Externship**

*(14 semester hours)*

Full semester externship taken in lieu of the regular schedule for the semester. Fourth-year students are required to enroll in three semesters of clinical instruction to graduate, in which two semesters are to be enrolled in the SCO externship program. The externship program is designed to broaden and supplement student experience in evaluating, diagnosing, and treating conditions of the eye and visual system. This program provides a wide range of geographical locations in institutional and private practice settings. In all cases the extern serves under the direct supervision of optometrists who hold adjunct

faculty appointments with the college. Not more than one semester may be spent at one site.

**Prerequisites:** CLN 326



## **Degree Requirements**

### **Doctor of Optometry**

Degrees and diplomas awarded by the college are presented at scheduled commencement exercises which fourth-year students are required to attend. In qualifying for a degree, the curriculum requirement for any year-level of study consists of the courses currently offered for that year. The curriculum published in this catalog is projected only for the year of publication. Modifications may be made from time to time to ensure that the curriculum remains up-to-date.

Each student is required to accomplish the following in order to become eligible to receive the Doctor of Optometry Degree.

1. Fulfill all academic and clinical requirements, including having at least a 2.00 cumulative average for all courses attempted at the college, and having no unresolved or failing grades.
2. Receive passing scores on both the Basic Science (Part I) and Clinical Science (Part II) examinations administered by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry.
3. Satisfy any probationary condition, whether for academic or other reasons, and not be subject to any pending academic or disciplinary action.
4. Discharge all financial obligations to the college.
5. Receive the recommendations of the Faculty, the Vice President for Student Services and the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the approval of the President with respect to satisfactory completion of the above requirements.

Should a student be placed on probation (academic and/or clinical) at the end of the final semester of enrollment, the case will be reviewed by the Vice President for Clinical Programs or a designated committee for resolution. In most cases, the probation received at the end of the last scheduled semester of the fourth-year will cause a delay in graduation.

Specific licensure requirements vary from state to state. Prospective students should become familiar with the requirements of states in which they desire to practice prior to entering the college and should remain abreast of changes during their enrollment. The college undertakes no obligation concerning any changes which might be made by any board of optometry or comparable agency in its requirements for licensure.

## Grades

Grade reports are issued to students by the Student Services Office at the end of each term. The suggested interpretation of the grading system used by the college is as follows:

Grade	Quality Points	Suggested Interpretation
A	4	Excellent performance
B	3	Good performance
C	2	Acceptable performance
D	1	Minimum passing performance
F	0	Failure, possible dismissal
I	—	Incomplete, must be resolved; see Student Handbook
IP	—	Fourth-year course in progress; must be resolved; see Student Handbook
W	—	Withdrawal— authorized withdrawal from a course before the end of the seventh week of the semester
WP	—	Withdrawal, passing— authorized withdrawal from a course after the beginning of the eighth week of the semester; work evaluated as satisfactory by the instructor of record.
WF	—	Withdrawal, failing— authorized withdrawal from a course after the beginning of the eighth week of the semester; work evaluated as unsatisfactory by the instructor of record.

## Clinic Grades

Although a grade of “D” is defined as “minimum passing performance”, the 1st grade of “D” earned in 3rd or 4th year clinical courses will place the student on clinical probation. The student must then meet with the Clinic Council and successfully complete the remediation as instructed.

A second grade of “D” earned in clinical courses would place the student on academic probation. While on academic probation, the student will be required to meet before the Clinic Council and may be responsible to repeat the course where the the second “D” arose. A third grade of “D” earned in clinic courses would warrant the student’s automatic dismissal.

Clinical grades of “F” would be reviewed, in accordance with the college’s regular guidelines concerning failing grades.

## Academic Standards

Students are expected to maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 (C) while completing all courses in the curriculum. For first-, second- and third-year students, a **regular student** is one pursuing a degree at the college and is **full-time** if the course load is at least 12 hours per semester.

Otherwise the student is **part-time**. A student is considered to be in **good standing** if not subject to dismissal for academic or disciplinary reasons. A **special student** is one not pursuing a degree and may be either full-time or part-time. A student whose actual or projected course load provides for completion of degree requirements within 10 terms of enrollment is maintaining **satisfactory progress**. Failure to maintain satisfactory progress may lead to dismissal. The status of **disciplinary probation** is applied when the student’s conduct, unless changed, could lead to dismissal. In such an instance the conditions for continued enrollment will be specified in writing to the student. A student is placed on **academic probation** when the level of academic performance, if continued, will lead to dismissal. See the Student Handbook.

A student is placed on academic probation when:

1. The cumulative grade-point average falls below 2.00; or
2. The semester grade point average falls below 2.00, regardless of the cumulative grade point average; or
3. A course is failed, regardless of either the cumulative or term grade-point average.
4. Second grade of “D” is earned in clinical courses.

Note, however, that automatic dismissal occurs when:

1. A second failure is earned in the same course; or
2. More than one course is failed in the same semester; or
3. The student was on probation when a failure occurred; or
4. A student on academic probation fails to achieve a term GPA of 2.00 or higher and maintain or achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher.

The only exception to this policy regarding cumulative GPA is in the special case of a first-year student who has been placed on academic probation at the end of Fall Semester. If a student in this case earns a 2.00 grade point average and not fail a course in the first-year Spring Semester, the student would not be automatically dismissed. The student, in this case, would appear before the Faculty Student Affairs Committee to review enrollment status. The Faculty Student Affairs Committee would then make a recommendation to the Vice President for Academic Affairs of either:

1. dismissal; or
2. allowed to continue in the program with possible enrollment stipulations.

## Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes and laboratories. Students are required to attend all scheduled clinic assignments.

## Course Repeats

A student who fails a course and is allowed to continue must resolve the failing grade by remedial instruction or by repeating the course. Dismissal may result from failing a course and is automatic in the event of a second failure in the same course. A student may voluntarily seek to repeat any course previously passed with a grade of D or C by written request to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Both the original and repeat grades are reflected in the academic records of students who repeat courses, whether originally failed or not, and both grades are counted in the computation of the grade-point average. All course repeats are at the student’s expense. Students who are otherwise eligible to receive veteran’s educational benefits cannot receive such benefits for courses which are repeated. Complete information about course failure, remediation, and repeats appears in the Student Handbook.

## Academic Advising and Counseling

The college encourages students to develop and maintain professional relationships with faculty members. Faculty advisors are assigned to first-year students at the beginning of the fall semester. Students should note their advisor’s office hours and arrange a meeting early in the semester. In addition, probationary students meet with the Director of Academic Support Services for academic counseling before registering for the next semester.

Students having difficulty with a particular course should seek guidance from the course instructor. Early action will help one avoid greater problems later. Students may also seek assistance from the Director of Academic Support Services, who may arrange tutoring by students who are proficient in appropriate areas.

## Course Changes

It is possible, but rare, to change a course schedule after registration upon the approval of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the instructors involved. Since courses are rarely offered more than once a year, such changes usually result in graduation being delayed by a year or more. Course changes also may lead to reduction or loss of financial aid, veteran’s benefits, and/or regional tuition eligibility.

## Readmission

Former students who have not completed degree requirements may be considered for readmission, but gaining readmission is difficult. If a former student were allowed to re-enter, conditions for continued enrollment would be specified in writing at the time of readmission. A student who is contemplating withdrawal should consult with the Vice President for Student Services. Detailed information about withdrawal,

dismissal, and readmission appears in the Student Handbook.

### **Dean's List**

The Dean's List is comprised of those full-time students who have achieved a grade-point average of 3.25 (B+) or higher, passed all hours attempted and carried at least 12 hours during the preceding semester. The semester grade report of each Dean's List student is annotated accordingly as is the student's permanent academic record at the college.

### **Commencement Honors**

These honors are based on cumulative grade-point averages at the completion of the fall semester of the fourth year. Should the spring semester grades qualify the student for a new honor, a corrected diploma will be provided by the college. The academic honor of Summa Cum Laude signifies an overall grade-point average of 3.80 and higher; Magna Cum Laude, 3.60 to 3.79; Cum Laude, 3.40 to 3.59. The Valedictorian appointment is awarded by the college to the graduating student having the highest overall grade-point average in the class. The Salutatorian appointment is awarded to the next-ranked student in the graduating class. These appointments are based on completion of the entire curriculum in no more than 10 semesters of enrollment.

## **Post-Graduate Opportunities**

### **Residencies**

Post-graduate, 12-month residencies are offered in Family Practice Optometry, Low Vision Rehabilitation, Pediatric Optometry, Ocular Disease, Ocular and Refractive Surgery/Ocular Disease, Vision Therapy/Rehabilitative Optometry, and Primary Eye Care.

The Family Practice Optometry residency program provides opportunities for the acquisition of enhanced clinical skills in virtually all areas of optometric practice. A unique feature of this residency is the resident's exposure to advanced practice management concepts. This program is based at West Tennessee Eye, a progressive optometric practice with clinical facilities located throughout the Memphis area.

The Low Vision Rehabilitation residency provides opportunities to gain advanced experience in managing patients with limited sight and traumatic brain injuries while utilizing the latest optical and non-optical treatment methods.

The residency program in Pediatric Optometry offers clinical experience in the diagnosis of, and therapy for, vision dysfunctions presented by children. The major portion of the resident's time is spent in direct patient care. The in-house residencies in Primary Eye Care, Low Vision

Rehabilitation, and Pediatric Optometry are based at The Eye Center, the College's state-of-the-art eye care facility.

The Ocular Disease residency provides extensive experience in managing patients in a busy multi-disciplinary eye care practice with an emphasis on patients presenting with diseases of the eye. These residency programs are located at Southern Eye Associates in Memphis, The Eye Centers of Florida in Ft. Myers, FL, and Eye Health Partners of Middle Tennessee in Nashville.

The Ocular and Refractive Surgery/Ocular Disease residency provides extensive experience in managing patients presenting with diseases of the eye with an additional emphasis on the pre and post-operative management of patients presenting for ocular surgery. This residency program is located at Woolfson Eye Institute in the Atlanta area.

Additional Primary Eye Care residency programs provide extensive primary care optometry training in a hospital setting. These programs are located at the Memphis; Columbia, South Carolina; Salisbury, North Carolina; Mountain Home, Tennessee; and Salem, Virginia Veterans Affairs Medical Centers.

The residency in Vision Therapy/Rehabilitative Optometry provides experience in vision therapy and rehabilitation in a busy private practice setting. This program is located at Appelbaum Eye Care Associates in the Bethesda, Maryland area.

The residency program applicant must have received an O.D. degree from an accredited institution prior to the beginning date of the residency. Applications must be received by January 15, and must be supported by official transcripts from professional schools attended, National Board scores, and three letters of recommendation from optometry faculty members.

For further information, contact the Director of Residency Programs at the college.

### **Continuing Education**

The college offers continuing education which may be used to meet licensure renewal requirements in certain states. Enrollment in most courses is limited to assure thorough instruction. Inquiries should be addressed to the Director of Continuing Education.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are funded by gifts from alumni, friends, industry, and foundations who wish to support the College by recognizing academic excellence, leadership, and service. Recipients are selected in accordance with the wishes of the donor, and there is no formal application process. Eligibility requirements vary for each scholarship, but most require exemplary achievements in undergraduate coursework and on the OAT. Leadership, service, interpersonal skills, and place of residence are also considered. Should a student be awarded a military scholarship, he/she would not be eligible for endowed scholarship consideration. Most endowed scholarships are awarded at the first registration of each academic year. At the time of scholarship disbursement, each recipient must have the necessary cumulative grade point average and not be on academic or disciplinary probation.

The following is a current listing of SCO's 164 scholarships and eligibility criteria. This is a growing list; thus, any updates will be provided to each applicant for admission or upon request.

### **Alston & Bird Endowed Scholarship**

Established by the Atlanta law firm that served as an advocate of professional optometry in Tennessee in the 1980s. The recipient must have a pre-optometry GPA of at least 3.5 and maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 while enrolled. **\$4,000.**

### **Elizabeth R. Bane Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Established by Eugene M. Bane, O.D. '65 in memory of his mother. Selection is based upon competitive entering GPA, OAT scores and applicant interview. Student must maintain a 3.0 GPA while enrolled. **\$4,000.**

### **Dr. Allan and Mrs. Susan S. Barker Family Endowed Scholarship**

Established by Allan Barker, O.D. '75 and Mrs. Susan Barker. The recipient will be a third year student with significant financial need, and must maintain a GPA of 2.5 while enrolled. Preference given to residents of North Carolina and the Southeast. **\$1,000.**

### **Bausch & Lomb Endowed Scholarship**

Established by Bausch & Lomb Corporation as part of its commitment to optometric education. The recipient must be an incoming fourth-year SCO student in good academic standing who has excelled in the application of contact lenses in patient care. **\$1,000.**

### **Board of Trustees Endowed Scholarships (18)**

Established to honor individuals who have served the College and the profession as Chairperson of the SCO Board of Trustees. Selection is based upon competitive GPA, OAT and admissions interview. The recipient must maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA while enrolled. **\$20,000.**

### **Dr. James A. Boucher Endowed Scholarship**

Established by James A. Boucher, O.D. '61. The recipient must have an entering GPA of at least 3.5 and must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 while enrolled. Preference given to students from mountain states, particularly Wyoming. **\$8,000.**

### **Dr. M.E. Broome Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Honors the College's third President, M.E. Broome, Ph.D., D.O.S., who served the College from 1962 to 1965. Selection is based upon OAT scores, GPA and the applicant's interview. The student should exhibit leadership and communication skills and must maintain a 3.0 GPA while enrolled. **\$8,000.**

### **Dr. L. Wayne Brown Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Established in memory of L. Wayne Brown, O.D. '63 for his service to Optometry in the State of Georgia and the SCO Board of Trustees. Selection is based on competitive GPA, OAT scores, and applicant interview. The student should also have demonstrated leadership. A 3.0 GPA must be maintained while enrolled. **\$4,000.**

### **Drs. Charlene and Fred Burnett Endowed Scholarship**

Established by Charlene Burnett, O.D. '83 and Fred Burnett, O.D. '80. Recipient must be a resident of Tennessee, have an entering GPA of at least 3.0, and have a significant history of leadership and service to their community. **\$4,000.**

### **Dr. T. Joel Byars Endowed Scholarship**

Established by Joel Byars, O.D. '63. Recipient must have a competitive GPA and OAT and demonstrated leadership and service. Preference given to residents of Georgia. **\$4,000.**

### **Dr. Camile Chiasson Endowed Scholarship**

Established in the name of Camile Chiasson, O.D. '81. Recipient must be from Louisiana, interested in practicing in Louisiana, and have at least a 3.0 entering GPA. Recipient must maintain at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA while enrolled. **\$8,000.**

### **Class of '54, '56, and '59 Endowed Scholarship**

Established by members of the SCO classes of 1954, 1956 and 1959. The recipient will be a student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership ability. **\$1,000.**

### **Class of '60, '61 and '63 Endowed Scholarships (2)**

Established by members of the SCO classes of 1960, 1961 and 1963. The recipient will be a first-year student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership ability. **\$1,000.**

### **Class of '64, '65 and '66 Endowed Scholarships (2)**

Established by members of the SCO classes of 1964, 1965 and 1966. The recipient will be a second-year student who has shown outstanding leadership ability. **\$1,000.**

### **Class of '67, '68 and '69 Endowed Scholarships (2)**

Established by members of the SCO classes of 1967, 1968 and 1969. The recipient will be a third-year student who has shown outstanding leadership ability. **\$1,000.**

### **Class of '70, '71 and '74 Endowed Scholarships (2)**

Established by members of the SCO classes of 1970, 1971 and 1974. The recipient will be a third-year student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership ability. **\$1,000.**

### **Class of 1977 Endowed Scholarships (2)**

Established by SCO's Class of 1977 to honor its members and recognize outstanding leadership to the school and the profession of optometry. The scholarships are awarded to third-year SCO students in good academic standing who have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills. **\$2,000.**

### **Class of 1984 Endowed Scholarships (2)**

Established by SCO's Class of 1984 to honor its members. The recipient will be a first-year

student who has shown outstanding leadership ability. **\$1,000.**

### **Dr. Ramona Porter Clifton Endowed Scholarships (3)**

Established by Ramona Porter Clifton, O.D. '46 and Rev. Farris Clifton. Selection is based upon competitive GPA, OAT scores and applicant interview. Preference given to Kentucky residents and/or female students. **\$4,000.**

### **Dr. Nash Cochran Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund**

Established by R. Nash Cochran, O.D. '44 in his desire to support optometric education and further the goals of the college. The recipient will have an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0, be a resident of Mississippi or Florida and maintain overall GPA of 2.75 while enrolled. **\$4,000.**

### **Dr. William E. Cochran Endowed Scholarships (4)**

Honors the college's fifth President, William E. Cochran O.D. '68, who served the college from 1984 to 2007. Selection is based upon competitive GPA, OAT and admissions interview. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA while enrolled. **\$12,000.**

### **Covington/Andreas Endowed Scholarship**

Established by Scott Andreas, long-time Dean of Students at the College, and his wife, Sara. Selection is based upon competitive GPA, OAT scores, and applicant interview. **\$4,000.**

### **Dr. W.R. Cramer Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Honors the College's second president, W.R. Cramer, O.D., D.O.S., who served the College from 1937 to 1962. Selection is based upon OAT scores, GPA, and the applicant's interview. The student should exhibit leadership and communication skills and must maintain a 3.0 GPA while enrolled. **\$8,000.**

### **Dean's Endowed Scholarship (12)**

Selections are based upon competitive GPA, OAT and demonstrated leadership and service. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA while enrolled. **\$20,000.**

### **Edgar Family Endowed Scholarship**

Honors the optometric family of the late Dr. James Hines Edgar, pioneer Mississippi optometrist. The recipient must be a resident of Mississippi or Arkansas with a pre-optometry GPA of at least 3.0. Must maintain a cumulative 2.75 GPA while enrolled. **\$4,000.**

### **Dr. Spurgeon B. Eure Memorial Endowed Scholarships (4)**

Honors the College's fourth President, Spurgeon B. Eure, O.D. '54, who served the College from 1965 to 1984. Selection is based upon competitive GPA, OAT and demonstrated leadership skills. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA while enrolled. **\$12,000.**

### **Dr. Robert E. Federhan Memorial Endowed Scholarships (4)**

Established to memorialize Robert E. Federhan, O.D. '49. Selections are based upon competitive GPA, OAT scores and applicant interview. Recipient must maintain a GPA of at least 3.00 while enrolled. **\$10,000.**

### **Dr. Thomas Gallaher and Mrs. Elizabeth Gallaher Endowed Scholarship**

Established by Thomas J. Gallaher, O.D. '51, and his wife Elizabeth. Selection is based upon competitive GPA, OAT scores and applicant interview. Preference is given to a Tennessee resident. **\$4,000.**

### **J.C. Garmon, Sr., Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Named in honor of J.C. Garmon, Sr., founder of Garmon Optical. Student must have an entering GPA of at least 3.5 and maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 while enrolled. **\$4,000.**

### **Dr. Richard A. Goodson Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Established by the family and friends of Richard A. Goodson, O.D. '66, to memorialize his service and commitment to his country, the profession of optometry, and SCO. Selection is based upon competitive GPA, OAT scores and applicant interview. Must maintain a 3.0 GPA while enrolled. **\$4,000.**

### **Drs. Martha and Sidney Greenberg Endowed Scholarship**

Established by Martha Greenberg, O.D. '74, and Sidney Greenberg, O.D. '65. Recipient must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and significant service/leadership. Must maintain a 2.75 GPA while enrolled. **\$12,000.**

### **Dr. J.J. Horton Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Named in honor of SCO's founder, J.J. Horton, M.D. Dr. Horton established the College in May 1932 and served as President until 1937. Student must have an entering GPA of at least 3.5 and maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 while enrolled. **\$8,000.**

### **Dr. William R. Jackson, Jr. Memorial Endowed Scholarships (4)**

In honor and memory of William R. Jackson, Jr., O.D. '52, long-time Missouri practicing optometrist. The Jackson Endowment awards annual scholarships to one Missouri residents in each entering class. Selections are based upon competitive GPA, OAT scores, applicant interviews and extracurricular activities. **\$16,000.**

### **Dr. Cheryl D. Johnson Memorial Endowed Scholarships (2)**

Established by the family and friends of Cheryl D. Johnson, O.D. '82, to memorialize her service and commitment to the profession of Optometry and SCO. Selections are based upon competitive entering GPA, OAT scores and applicant interview. The recipient must have demonstrated leadership skills and will maintain a 3.0 GPA while enrolled. **\$8,000.**

### **Dr. Bernard L. Kahn Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

In memory of Bernard L. Kahn, O.D. '52. Dr. Kahn served as a leader and mentor for a generation of Georgia optometrists. SCO enrolled senior in good academic standing. Preference given to Georgia residents. **\$2,000.**

### **Kansas Alumni Endowed Scholarship**

Established by SCO alumni from the State of Kansas. Applications will be reviewed by a committee from the Kansas Alumni Association. Recipient must be a currently enrolled student and a resident from Kansas. **\$1,000.**

### **Dr. John T. Leddy Colonel Army (Ret.) Endowed Scholarships (2)**

Established by John T. Leddy, O.D. '56. Selection is based upon financial need and competitive entering GPA, OAT scores and applicant interview. **\$4,000.**

### **Dr. Earl Lusk Memorial Endowed Scholarships (2)**

Established in memory of Earl W. Lusk, O.D. '59. Selections are based upon OAT scores, GPA, and the applicant's interview. The recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA while enrolled. **\$12,000.**

### **Mauldin Family Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Established by M. Irvin Mauldin, O.D. '47 in memory of his mother and aunt. Recipient must be SCO enrolled senior with unmet financial need. **\$1,000.**

### **Medivision Endowed Scholarships (2)**

Endowed by Medivision Corporation, formerly a nationwide network of optometric co-management centers. Students must have an entering GPA of at least 3.5 and maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 while enrolled. **\$4,000.**

### **Minority Endowed Scholarship**

Established by Edward Christie, O.D. '50, to help under-represented minorities in optometry. Recipient must be an under-represented minority student. **\$8,000.**

### **Dr. Wiley H. Mock Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Established by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dyer in memory of Mrs. Dyer's father, Wiley H. Mock, O.D. '40. Recipient must be a resident of Mississippi displaying financial need with a competitive GPA, OAT scores and applicant interview. **\$4,000.**

### **National Vision, Inc./America's Best Endowed Scholarship**

The recipient must be a fourth-year student from the Louisiana Club who holds the highest GPA. **\$1,000.**

### **New Orleans Contact Lens Society Endowed Scholarship**

Selection is based upon competitive entering GPA, OAT scores, and applicant interview. Recipient must be a resident of Louisiana. **\$4,000.**

### **Oliver Family Endowed Scholarship**

Established by William C. Oliver, O.D. '63 in honor of his family. Recipient must be a resident of South Carolina with an entering GPA of at least 3.0 and maintain a GPA of at least 2.75 while enrolled. **\$4,000.**

### **Omni Eye Services – Chattanooga Endowed Scholarship**

Established by Omni Eye Services - Chattanooga, an optometric co-management center. Student must have an entering GPA of at least 3.5 and maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 while enrolled. **\$4,000.**

### **Omni Eye Services– Memphis Endowed Scholarship**

Established by Omni Eye Services - Memphis, an optometric co-management center. Student must have an entering GPA of at least 3.5 and maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 while enrolled. **\$4,000.**

### **Dr. Vaughn D. Parfitt Endowed Scholarship**

Established by Major Robert E. Parfitt in honor of his son, Vaughn D. Parfitt, O.D. '84. The recipient will have an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0, have significant financial need, and maintain a GPA of 3.0. Preference given to students with parents who have or had military service. **\$4,000.**

### **Dr. George A. Pena Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Established in memory of George A. Pena, O.D. '53. Student must have an entering GPA of at least 3.5 and maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 while enrolled. **\$4,000.**

### **Precision Optical Laboratories Endowed Scholarships (2)**

Established by Precision Optical Lab, Inc. as part of its commitment to optometric education. The recipient will be a 3rd year student who maintains an overall GPA of 3.5 while enrolled. Preference will be given to a resident of Tennessee, Arkansas or Mississippi. **\$2,000.**

### **Presidential Endowed Scholarships (20)**

Selections are based upon competitive GPA, OAT and demonstrated leadership and service. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA while enrolled. **\$28,000.**

### **Peggy B. Remke Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Established by the Auxiliary to the Tennessee Optometric Association and Joseph W. Remke, Jr., O.D. '47, in memory of Peggy B. Remke. Selection is based upon scholastic record, leadership, and financial need. The recipient must be an SCO enrolled 3rd year maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA and must be a Tennessee resident. **\$4,000.**

### **Rosemore Family Endowed Scholarships (7)**

Established to honor the family of Fredric Rosemore, O.D. '48. Selections based upon competitive applicant file and financial need. Recipients must be a currently enrolled student. **\$1,000.**

### **Dr. W. Jack Runninger Family Endowed Scholarship**

Established by W. Jack Runninger, O.D. '47 in honor of his family. Selection is based upon competitive academic performance and demonstrated leadership. Recipient must maintain a 2.5 GPA while enrolled. Preference given to Georgia residents. **\$4,000.**

### **SCO Alumni Endowed Scholarships (12)**

Established by SCO alumni through their unrestricted gifts supporting SCO's Annual Campaign. Recipients shall have at least a 3.0 cumulative entering GPA or minimum 320 academic average on the OAT and have demonstrated service contributions to his/her community, college, or country. Must maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA while enrolled. **\$8,000.**

### **SCO Faculty/Staff Endowed Scholarship**

Established through gifts by the staff and faculty of SCO. Selection is based upon competitive entering GPA, OAT scores and the applicant's interview. The student should exhibit leadership skills and must maintain a 3.0 GPA while enrolled. **\$12,000.**

### **Southern Council of Optometrists Endowed Scholarships (2)**

Honors the Southern Council of Optometrists, Inc., the largest regional optometric association in the United States. Recipients must reside in a Southern Council member state. Selections are based upon competitive GPA, OAT scores, applicant interviews and extracurricular activities. Students must maintain 3.0 GPA while enrolled. **\$12,000.**

### **Southwest Contact Lens Society Endowed Scholarship**

Honors the Southwest Contact Lens Society, a professional organization founded in 1955 to promote research and continuing education in the area of contact lenses. SCO enrolled junior or senior with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA. Priority given to residents of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. **\$2,000.**

### **Kenneth N. Springer Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Established to memorialize former Tennessee Senator Kenneth N. Springer. Recipient must have an entering GPA of at least 3.5 and maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 while enrolled. **\$4,000.**

### **Stern-Maronek Family Endowed Scholarship**

Established by Sidney Stern, O.D. '71 and Mrs. Florence Maronek Stern in memory of their parents. The recipient will have an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.00 and exhibited a high level of community service, leadership, and personal integrity. They must also have significant financial need. Preference is given to Florida residents. **\$8,000.**

### **Sullins Family Endowed Scholarship**

Established by William D. Sullins, O.D. '39 and W. David Sullins, Jr. O.D. '65. Recipient must have competitive GPA, OAT scores and demonstrated leadership. Preference given to residents of Tennessee. **\$8,000.**

### **Dr. W. David Sullins, Jr. Leadership Scholarship**

Established by Dr. Freddy Chang in honor of W. David Sullins, Jr. O.D. '65 to honor Dr. Sullins' extraordinary service and leadership to the profession of optometry. Awarded to an enrolled student. **\$1,000.**

### **Dr. J. Leonard Supman Memorial Endowed Scholarships (2)**

Established by Ronald Blum, O.D. '73, to memorialize his friend and mentor, J. Leonard Supman, O.D. '40. Selection is based on significant financial need. **\$4,000.**

### **Dr. Robert H. Thurmond Endowed Scholarship**

Established by Robert H. Thurmond, O.D. '50. Selection is based upon scholastic record, leadership qualities, and financial need. Student must maintain a GPA of at least 2.5 while enrolled. Must be resident of Georgia. **\$4,000.**

### **Transitions Endowed Scholarships (2)**

Established by Transitions Optical, Inc. The recipients shall have an entering GPA of at least a 3.5 and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA while enrolled. They will additionally have demonstrated leadership skills. **\$8,000.**

### **VISTAKON Endowed Scholarships (3)**

Established by VISTAKON, a member of the Johnson & Johnson family of companies. The recipients must have an entering GPA of at least 3.25 and must maintain a GPA of at least 2.75 while enrolled. Selections are also based upon competitive OAT scores, applicant interview and extracurricular activities. **\$8,000.**

### **Wesley-Jessen Endowed Scholarships (2)**

Established by Wesley-Jessen Corp. Selections are based upon competitive GPA, OAT scores, applicant interview and leadership qualities. Students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 while enrolled. **\$8,000.**

### **West Tennessee Optometric Society Endowed Scholarship**

Established in honor of the members of the WTOS. The recipient must be a resident of West Tennessee, have an entering GPA of at least

3.2, have previous exposure to the profession of Optometry, financial need, and participate in at least 1 meeting per quarter of the WTOS while enrolled. **\$4,000.**

### **Charlie Williams Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Southern College of Optometry's first Endowed Scholarship. Established in 1986 to pay tribute to Charlie Williams, founder of Williams Optical Laboratory, Inc. Student must have an entering GPA of at least 3.5 and maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 while enrolled. **\$8,000.**

## **ENDOWED AWARDS**

### **Burnett Endowed Award for Student Achievement in Research (up to 2)**

Established by Charlene Burnett, O.D. '83 and Fred R. Burnett, O.D. '80 and former member of the SCO Board of Trustees, to recognize outstanding achievement in research by SCO students. **\$1,000.**

### **Bays Family Endowed Service Award**

Established by Lisa Rossmeyer Wade, O.D. '84 in honor and memory of members of the Bays family. The award is given to a fourth-year student who has demonstrated exceptional service to the Memphis community. **\$400.**

### **Class of 1992 Endowed Award**

Established by members of SCO's Class of 1992. The recipient will be a second year student selected by representatives of the Class of 1992. **\$250.**

### **Dr. David P. Memorial Service Award**

Established by Cathy Frier, O.D. '77 and Michael Frier, O.D. '75 to honor their friend and mentor David P. Sloan, O.D. '48. The recipient is a fourth-year student who has demonstrated significant service to the profession of optometry. **\$300.**

## STUDENT AWARDS PROGRAMS



Each year, through the support and contributions of the ophthalmic community, students are recognized for their outstanding academic and clinical achievements. During the 2007-08 academic year, these companies and individuals provided support in the form of financial awards and/or ophthalmic equipment. Thanks to the generosity of these featured ophthalmic companies/organizations, alumni and friends of the college, students received awards totaling more than \$79,000.

**Alcon Case Study Scholarship Award**  
*\$1,000*

**American Optometric Association-Dr. Seymour Galina Grant**  
*1-\$2,500*

**American Optometric Association Leadership Awards**  
*1-\$1,000; 1-\$1,450*

**American Optometric Foundation-Carl Zeiss Vision Fellowship**  
*1-\$5,000*

**Arkansas Optometric Association-William H. Townsend Scholarship**  
*1-\$1,500*

**Bausch and Lomb Award**  
*\$1,000*

**College of Optometrists in Vision Development "Excellence in Vision Therapy Award"**  
*Plaque*

**Designs for Visions, Inc. The William Feinbloom Low Vision Award**  
*Clear Image II Diagnostic Set and Plaque, \$2,000 value*

**Eagle Vision, Inc.**  
*Super Eagle Practice Builder's Kit, \$485 value*

**Eschenbach Low Vision Student Award**  
*1 – Spectacle Diagnostic Kit and Plaques, \$1,300 value*

**Essilor Laboratories of America "CRIZAL Award of Excellence"**  
*Digital Corneal Reflex Pupillometer, \$500 value*

**FCO Spirit Award**  
*1-\$500; 1-\$750*

**Germantown Lions Club Award**  
*\$1,000*

**GP Lens Institute GP Contact Lens Clinical Excellence Award**  
*Fitting Set and Plaque, \$500 value*

**G.T. Laboratories, Inc.**  
*GP Fitting Set, \$250 value*

**Heine USA**  
*Sigma 100 Indirect Ophthalmoscope, \$1,174 value*

**Jobson Publishing**  
*\$500*

**Kansas Optometric Association Scholarship**  
*1-\$1,000*

**Keeler Instruments, Inc.**  
*Retinoscope and Charger, \$429 value*

**Kentucky Optometric Association Awards**  
*2-\$1,000*

**LS & S Group**  
*Assortment of Pocket Magnifiers, \$266.75 value*

**Marchon Eyewear Practice Management Award**  
*\$1,000 and Plaque*

**Drs. Darwin and Paul Mormon NBEO Part I and Part II Awards**  
*2 – \$1,000*

**NoIR Medical Technologies Low Vision Award**  
*Low Vision Filter Evaluation Kit, \$450 value*

**Ocular Instruments, Inc.**  
*\$250 Product Gift Certificate*

**Ocular Instruments, Inc. "Excellence Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Study of Ocular Disease"**  
*Retinal Lenses, \$400 value*

**Odyssey Medical Partners in Optometry Award**  
*2 – Dry Eye Management Kits, \$325 value*

**Ooh La La de Paris**  
*12 Starter Frames and \$500 Cash Award, \$2,000 value*

**Southern Council of Optometrists "Clinical Excellence Award"**  
*\$1,000*

**Southern Optical "Essilor Laboratories of America Award"**  
*\$400*

**Stereo Optical Co, Inc.**  
*Borish Vectrographic Near Point Card, \$175 value*

**Tennessee Optometric Association Award**  
*\$1,000*

**United Parcel Service Awards**  
*1 – \$1,000; 1 – \$1,850*

**Varilux Student Award presented by Essilor of America**  
*1-\$1,000*

**Vision Service Plan Scholastic Awards**  
*2 – \$2,500*

**VISTAKON Acuvue Eye Health Advisor Student Citizenship Scholarship**  
*\$1,000*

**VISTAKON/American Optometric Foundation "VISTAKON Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care"**  
*\$1,000 and Plaque*

**Wal-Mart Foundation "Optometric Achievement Award"**  
*3 – \$1,000*

**Welch Allyn Co.**  
*Pocket Ophthalmoscope, \$500 value*

**X-Cel Contacts "Outstanding GP Fitting Award"**  
*\$250*



### **Education as an Investment**

The financing of an optometric education is an investment in the future, and the choices available to the prospective student should be considered within the context of the individual's personal and career goals. The Financial Aid Office strives to see that every entering student obtains the funds necessary to complete the program with the least possible debt at graduation. The use of personal savings and income from the student's or spouse's employment are ways chosen by many students to decrease their educational borrowing.

### **Debt Management**

The key to successful financial planning is controlling what one borrows. The Financial Aid Office conducts an ongoing program designed to help each student manage budgeting and cash flow while eliminating unnecessary expenditures. Through group debt-management presentations and individual counseling, each student will learn to make sound decisions about student finances.

### **Federal Loans and Work Study**

Most students enrolled at Southern College of Optometry are receiving assistance from one or more of the federal student loan programs. Many students are also employed in the college's Federal Work-Study Program. Detailed information about each of these programs can be obtained from the College Financial Aid Office. Applicants who are accepted for admission will automatically be sent a complete financial aid packet including all necessary applications.

The college directly administers the Health Professions Student Loan Program, the Federal Perkins Loan Program and the Federal Work-Study Program. Eligibility is determined in accordance with federal regulations. Repayments from former students fund most of the loans made to current students in the college-administered federal programs. Off-campus federal sources are also available to students through the college's participation in the Federal Family Educational Loan Program. These include subsidized and unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans.

## Other Federal Programs

The college also participates in various other federal assistance programs, including veteran's benefits, military assistance programs, and the Indian Health Scholarship Program.

The college has been approved to enroll students eligible for various funding in the **Veteran's Benefits Program**. Students receiving this assistance should contact the Student Services Office upon matriculation in order for the proper forms to be completed and submitted to the Veterans Administration as soon as possible.

Military assistance programs are available through the U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force. In exchange for a commitment to serve as a military optometry officer for up to four years, the student may receive a full scholarship or other financial support from one of the military services. Students are selected for these programs by the Army, Navy, and Air Force on a competitive basis. Information is available from a military representative in your area.

The **Indian Health Scholarship Program** gives priority for selection to Native Americans, Alaskan Natives, and Aleuts and pays all tuition and fees at schools of many health disciplines. To receive this competitive award you must agree to serve one year for each year of support, with a minimum of two years, in the Indian Health Service of the Health Resources and Services Administration, in an urban Indian organization, or in private practice in health manpower shortage area that provides health care to a substantial number of Native Americans.

## SCO Assistance Programs

The Randolph Gilbert Emergency Loan Fund provides short-term signature loans to students experiencing temporary cash emergencies. The college also participates in several private alternative loan programs.



## State and Association Assistance Programs

Many states and agencies offer scholarships or assistance to students from optometric associations and various other programs. Information about these programs is available from the college's Financial Aid Office.

## Student Health Insurance

Health insurance has become an important factor in financial planning. In recognition of the fact that the cost of health care can be financially

devastating, the college makes comprehensive health insurance available to all students at attractive group rates. Dependent coverage is also available by paying the dependent premium. Health insurance coverage becomes effective September 1 and continues without interruption until the student graduates or otherwise ceases to be enrolled. Contact the Accounting Office for more information.



## Tuition

The 2008-2009 tuition for students is \$17,488 regional and \$22,488 non-regional. Students from regional states (see Regional and Non-Regional Admissions) who have been awarded Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) reserved positions or other state programs reserving positions will pay regional tuition. The following charts indicate the tuition schedule for regional and non-regional first-year students.

## Fees

The college charges one-time fees for transcripts (\$50), mailbox (\$5), parking decal (\$5), and preventative health (\$270). The transcript fee allows students an unlimited number of future transcript requests. The mailbox fee provides students an on-campus box for internal mail for four years. The parking decal fee (no other parking charges) provides on campus parking for four years. The prevention health fee pays for each student's Hepatitis B shot series, annual flu shots, and TB skin tests as needed. The college annually charges an Activity Fee (\$80) to help fund the operations of the SCO Activity Center and an SGA fee (\$105) to provide funds for SGA activities.

## Tuition Projections

While tuition for the first professional year for students entering in 2008 has been determined,

inflation and numerous other factors will affect future tuition costs. Students should expect annual tuition increases of approximately five percent. Likewise, charges for books and equipment will vary from year to year. For 2008-2009, second-year students will pay approximately \$5,148 for books and equipment, third-year students will pay approximately \$2,985 for books, equipment and fees and fourth-year students will pay approximately \$1,970 for equipment and fees. As with tuition, various factors will affect future costs.

## Books and Equipment

The quality and uniformity of optometric instruction is dependent upon the possession of professional books and equipment by all students. Each student is required to purchase all books, equipment and instruments required for use during a term from the college Bookstore.

## Tuition Refunds

A student who ceases to attend the college during the first nine weeks (60%) of a semester is entitled to a pro rata refund of tuition and most fees paid for that term, if all exit requirements are fully satisfied. The complete tuition refund policy is published in the SCO Student Handbook and available upon request.

<b>Tuition and Fees</b>	<b>1st Year</b>	<b>2nd Year</b>	<b>3rd Year</b>	<b>4th Year</b>
Non-Regional Tuition	\$22,488	\$22,488	\$22,488	\$22,488
SREB <sup>(1)</sup> Regional Tuition	\$17,488	\$17,488	\$17,488	\$17,488
Incidental Fees	\$515	\$185	\$185	\$260
Application Fee	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Books, Equipment and Other</b>				
Required Books	\$1,085	\$1,174	\$1,468	\$0
Required Equipment	\$2,421	\$3,434	\$172	\$0
Educational Supplies	\$540	\$540	\$720	\$720
Required NBEO Fees			\$625	\$1,250
Subtotal Books, etc.	\$4,046	\$5,148	\$2,985	\$1,970
<b>Living Expenses</b> ( <i>shared accommodations</i> )				
Housing/Food	\$8,505	\$8,505	\$11,340	\$11,340
Transportation <sup>(2)</sup>	\$1,575	\$1,575	\$2,100	\$2,300
Personal Expenses	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$3,600	\$3,600
Subtotal Living	\$12,780	\$12,780	\$17,040	\$17,240
<b>Total Costs, Non-regional</b>	<b>\$39,879</b>	<b>\$40,601</b>	<b>\$42,698</b>	<b>\$41,958</b>
<b>Total Costs, SREB Regional</b>	<b>\$34,879</b>	<b>\$35,601</b>	<b>\$37,698</b>	<b>\$36,958</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> KS, NC, and NE regional rates may differ.  
<sup>(2)</sup> A privately owned vehicle is deemed necessary for SCO students, but a car note is not allowed in the budgets.

## FACULTY

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### **Kristin K. Anderson**

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Optometry, West Side/Hines Veteran Affairs,  
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B.S., 1982, Southern California College of Optometry  
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O.D., 1998, Illinois College of Optometry  
Residency, 2000, Geriatric & Rehabilitative Optometry,  
Birmingham Veterans Affairs Medical Center

### **James H. Burke**

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Residency, 1988, Contact Lens Practice, University of  
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O.D., 1970, University of Waterloo  
M.S., 1974, Indiana University  
Ph.D., 1974, Indiana University

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*Professor* (1988)

B.S., 1974, Villanova University  
M.A., 1978, Temple University  
Ph.D., 1981, Temple University  
Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1981-1984, University of  
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O.D., 1984, Southern College of Optometry

### **L. Allen Fors**

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Fellowship, 1971, Gesell Institute  
M.Ed., 1974, Memphis State University

### **Michael D. Gerstner**

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Residency, 1998, Ocular Disease Program,  
Southern Eye Associates, Memphis, TN

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Fellowship, 1988, Omni Eye Services, Memphis, TN

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Ph.D., 2002, Anglia Ruskin University  
Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2003-2006, University of  
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Optometry, Veterans Affairs Medical Center,  
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M.S., 1983, University of Houston  
M.S., 1991, Chapman University  
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Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute,  
John Hopkins Hospital  
Fellowship, 1992, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

During the fourth year of the curriculum, students gain patient care experience at different externship sites where they work directly under the supervision of a licensed health care professional. The names below are some of those serving as externship preceptors of the College in 2008-2009. This list is not all-inclusive, as numerous other preceptors and locations are available. There are additional local externship sites in the Memphis area not listed below. For a complete list of sites or for any questions about the externship program, please contact the Externship Office at (901) 722-3366.

<b>Gino Abruzzino, O.D.</b> Clarksburg, WV	<b>E. Watts Davis, O.D., '67</b> Laurel, MS	<b>Larry Henry, O.D.</b> Edmond, OK	<b>James Nedrow, O.D. '65</b> Lincoln, NE	<b>Michael Schulz, O.D. '77</b> New Port Richie, FL
<b>Paul Ajamian, O.D.</b> Atlanta, GA	<b>James Davis, O.D., '86</b> Batesville, AR	<b>David Hicks, O.D. '99</b> Newport, RI	<b>Randall Noblitt, O.D.</b> Jeffersonville, IN	<b>Carol Scott, O.D. '83</b> Springfield, MO
<b>Dean Baggett, O.D., '83</b> Athens, TN	<b>Horace Deal, O.D., '97</b> Statesboro, GA	<b>C. Allyn Hildebrand, O.D. '89</b> Knoxville, TN	<b>Martin Novoy, O.D.</b> Lutherville, MD	<b>Charles Shidlofsky, O.D. '88</b> Plano, TX
<b>Allan Barker, O.D. '75</b> Wilmington, NC	<b>Michelle Dent, O.D.</b> Wichita, KS	<b>Michael Holland, O.D. '90</b> Raleigh, NC	<b>James O'Connor, O.D.</b> Amarillo, TX	<b>Clifton Sites, O.D. '77</b> Clarksville, TN
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## 2008-2009<sup>(1)</sup> CALENDAR

### Summer Semester 2008

May 12, Monday .....Registration, Instruction Begins  
May 19, Monday.....Late Registration<sup>(2)</sup>  
May 26, Monday .....Memorial Day Holiday (College Closed)  
July 4, Friday .....Independence Day Holiday  
(College Closed)  
August 11, Monday.....4th Year Final Examinations  
August 16-22 .....Final Examinations  
August 22, Friday .....Last Day of Clinic  
August 23-September 1 .....Semester Break

### Fall Semester 2008

August 28-29 .....Orientation (Entering Students)  
September 1, Monday .....Labor Day Holiday (College Closed)  
September 2, Tuesday .....Registration, Instruction Begins  
September 8, Monday.....Late Registration<sup>(2)</sup>  
September 18-21 .....Homecoming / Fall CE  
September 19, Friday .....Convocation  
November 22-30.....Thanksgiving Break (No Instruction)  
November 27-30 .....College Closed  
December 1, Monday .....Instruction Resumes  
December 3-4.....NBEO Part II  
December 8, Monday .....4th Year Final Examinations  
December 11-17 .....Final Examinations  
December 19, Friday.....Last Day of Clinic  
December 20-January 4.....Semester Break (College Closed)

### Spring Semester 2009

January 5, Monday .....Registration, Instruction Begins  
January 12, Monday .....Late Registration<sup>(2)</sup>  
January 19, Monday.....Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
(College Closed)  
February 28-March 8 .....Spring Break (No Instruction)  
March 4-8.....Southern Educational Congress of  
Optometry (SECO) – Atlanta  
March 5-8.....College Closed  
March 9, Monday .....Instruction Resumes  
March 17-18.....NBEO Part I  
April 16-17.....NBEO Part III (PAM/State Law)<sup>(3)</sup>  
April 20, Monday .....4th Year Final Examinations  
April 25-May 1 .....Final Examinations  
April 29, Wednesday.....Last Day of Clinic  
May 1, Friday.....Commencement  
May 2-10 .....Semester Break

## 2009-2010<sup>(1)</sup> CALENDAR

### Summer Semester 2009

May 11, Monday .....Registration, Instruction Begins  
May 18, Monday .....Late Registration<sup>(2)</sup>  
May 25, Monday .....Memorial Day Holiday (College Closed)  
July 3, Friday .....Independence Day Holiday  
(College Closed)  
August 10, Monday .....4th Year Final Examinations  
August 15-21 .....Final Examinations  
August 21, Friday.....Last Day of Clinic  
August 22-30 .....Semester Break

### Fall Semester 2009

August 27-28 .....Orientation (Entering Students)  
August 31, Monday .....Registration, Instruction Begins  
September 7, Monday .....Labor Day Holiday (College Closed)  
September 8, Tuesday .....Late Registration<sup>(2)</sup>  
October 1-4 .....Homecoming / Fall CE  
October 2, Friday .....Convocation  
November 21-29 .....Thanksgiving Break (No Instruction)  
November 26-29 .....College Closed  
November 30, Monday.....Instruction Resumes  
December 1 .....NBEO Part II  
December 7, Monday.....4th Year Final Examinations  
December 10-16 .....Final Examinations  
December 18, Friday.....Last Day of Clinic  
December 19-January 3 .....Semester Break (College Closed)

### Spring Semester 2010<sup>(4)</sup>

January 4, Monday .....Registration, Instruction Begins  
January 11, Monday.....Late Registration<sup>(2)</sup>  
January 18, Monday .....Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
(College Closed)  
TBA.....Southern Educational Congress of  
Optometry (SECO) – Atlanta  
TBA.....Spring Break (No Instruction)  
April 19, Monday.....4th Year Final Examinations  
April 24-30 .....Final Examinations  
April 28, Wednesday .....Last Day of Clinic  
April 30, Friday .....Commencement  
May 1-9 .....Semester Break

(1) Dates and events are subject to change.

(2) Registering late does not excuse a student from clinic and/or class requirements and results in a \$50 late fee.

(3) NBEO Clinical Skills (CSE) dates for 2009 have not yet been assigned.

(4) All NBEO dates for 2010 have not yet been assigned.

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