



**Marshall B.
KETCHUM UNIVERSITY**
Southern California College of Optometry



Fullerton, California • Est. 1904

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904

In 1904, Marshall B. Ketchum, MD, opened the Los Angeles School of Ophthalmology and Optometry in Los Angeles. In the early '70s the College moved to its current home in Fullerton and was renamed Southern California College of Optometry. Today, SCCO has evolved to offer unbeatable academic training, a caring community where lifelong friendships are born, a beautiful campus near Southern California's beaches and cultural attractions and a solid clinical foundation to base your career upon.

In 2012, SCCO made a bold, industry-leading change, expanding to incorporate interprofessional education. In 2012, the first Physician Assistant program in Orange County was added, and then in 2014, the College of Pharmacy program was added. Side-by-side in group discussions, community service, and clinical experience, our OD, PA and PharmD students learn what it means to deliver patient-centered health care.

At MBKU we don't just talk about working alongside other medical professionals, we do it.







WE'RE AS COMMITTED TO YOUR DREAMS AS YOU ARE

The Southern California College of Optometry has a proud tradition of training skilled clinicians. Clinical education and training is reinforced with advanced learning technology such as the Virtual Reality Magic Binocular Direct and Indirect Ophthalmoscopy used in labs. Our faculty is committed to excellence in teaching. Whether in the classroom, clinic, or side-by-side with students in community service events, they are dedicated to being available to provide mentorship in and out of the classroom. Lecture and lab courses are taught by the same faculty who teach in clinic, which helps to reinforce foundational concepts into clinical application in patient care. Faculty are devoted to cultivating lifelong friendships with the students they know will be future colleagues.

Students join faculty members for a variety of experiences outside the classroom. From networking at local optometric society meetings to influencing legislation on Capitol Hill, serving side-by-side in local elementary schools or on mission trips abroad, faculty mentoring occurs in many contexts. Our faculty members aren't just great educators, they're great people too.



OUR COMMUNITY IS STUDENT CENTERED

100

students per cohort
ON AVERAGE

15

*optometry
related clubs*
ON CAMPUS

12

faculty mentors
INTENTIONALLY
ASSIGNED TO
EACH INCOMING
STUDENT

80+

*4th year
rotation sites*
TO CHOOSE FROM

17

peer advisors partner with incoming students
TO HELP THEM NAVIGATE THE
TRANSITION TO GRAD SCHOOL

EXCEPTIONAL CLINICAL EDUCATION

Students are exposed to patient care in their very first year through SCCO's Clinical Enhancement Program. First year students work in tandem with upperclassmen and begin delivering care to patients in both clinical settings and at community service events. Students begin the solo clinical process by seeing their first patients at the beginning of their second year. After three years, under the guidance of our faculty members, fourth year students embark on clinical rotations at one of more than 80 sites around the nation and even abroad. With so many sites to choose from, students are able to tailor their fourth year clinical education to fit their career goals, whether it be gearing up for a residency in one of optometry's subspecialties, starting a private practice or seeking a future position in optometric education.



YOU CHOOSE THE DESTINATION, WE'LL HELP YOU FIND THE RIGHT PATH.

UNIVERSITY EYE CENTER SERVICES

- Primary Care
- Cornea/Contact Lens
- Pediatrics
- Vision Therapy
- Acquired Brain Injury and Sports Vision
- Ocular Disease and Ophthalmology Consultation
- Low Vision Rehabilitation
- Ocular Prosthetics
- Dry Eye Clinic
- Myopia Control

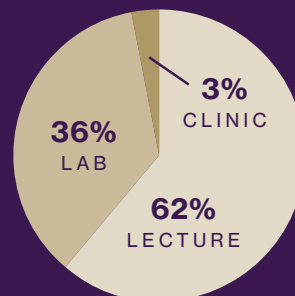
DUAL OD/MS PROGRAM

There is a demand for new knowledge in the vision sciences, where teaching and research opportunities are numerous. In addition to ongoing research opportunities for students in the program, SCCO offers a Master of Science in Vision Science that may be completed concurrently with the OD degree.

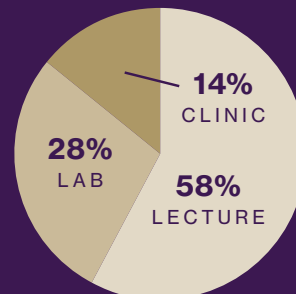
SCCO'S RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

Marshall B. Ketchum University's Southern California College of Optometry boasts one of the largest networks of residency sites nationwide. The depth and breadth of its program, which focuses on exceptional resident training, is highly regarded throughout the country.

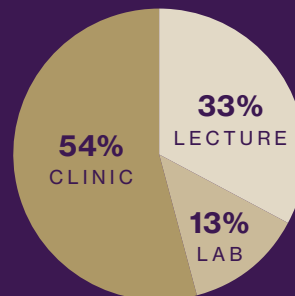
YOUR FOUR YEARS WILL BE TIME WELL SPENT.



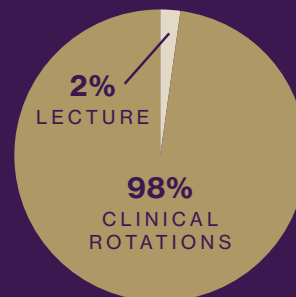
◀ *first year*



second year ▶



◀ *third year*



fourth year ▶



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- A *Ketchum Health*
- B *John Wayne Airport (SNA)*
- C *Disneyland Resort*
- D *Knott's Berry Farm*
- E *Angel Stadium*
- F *Honda Center*
- G *Segerstrom Center for the Arts*
- H *Newport Beach*
- I *Huntington Beach*
- J *Long Beach Airport (LGB)*



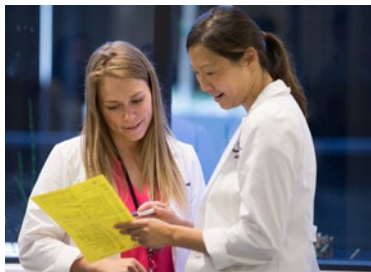
PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission, all applicants must complete an application through OptomCAS, take the Optometry Admissions Test, and complete the necessary prerequisite requirements. For more information about deadlines, admissions tips, on-campus events, and more, please visit our website at www.ketchum.edu/optometry.

To be considered as a candidate for admission to the professional OD program a four-year baccalaureate degree is recommended but not required. Applicants who complete a minimum of 90 semester or 135 quarter units of undergraduate study will qualify for admission. To be eligible to apply, the applicant must be on track to complete the required units through the summer term that precedes fall matriculation.

Advanced Placement (AP) courses for the prerequisites will be accepted as long as the appropriate number of credit hours was completed.

The following courses must be completed at a regionally accredited institution in the United States or Canada, with a grade of "C-" or better prior to enrollment. ►



COURSE	SEMESTER UNITS	QUARTER UNITS
Calculus <i>(analytic geometry/calculus also acceptable)</i>	3	4
General Biology or Zoology <i>(no lab required)</i>	6	9
General Microbiology or Bacteriology <i>(including lab)</i>	3	4
Human Anatomy <i>(no lab required)</i>	3	4
Human Physiology <i>(no lab required)</i>	3	4
General Physics <i>(one year sequence including lab)</i>	8	12
General Chemistry <i>(one year sequence including lab)</i>	8	12
Organic Chemistry <i>(no lab required)</i>	3	4
Biochemistry <i>(no lab required)</i>	3	4
Psychology	3	4
English Composition or Literature <i>(writing intensive courses are also acceptable)</i>	6	8
Statistics	3	4

SCCO admissions officers have preapproved prerequisite coursework for over 130 institutions nationwide. Please review these courses prior to submitting your questions regarding coursework acceptability: ketchum.edu/optometry/applications#articulation-agreements.

3.0

overall GPA

300

OAT section scores



demonstrated passion for optometry

OBSERVING OPTOMETRISTS IS VITAL

community service

WITH AN EMPHASIS ON
LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE



*good time-management
and stress-management skills*

communicate effectively

GOOD COMMUNICATION IS
REQUIRED TO BE SUCCESSFUL



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COMPETITIVE APPLICANT PROFILE

Depending on the number of applicants and the strength of those applicants within the pool, each season's competitiveness varies; therefore, as general guidelines, here is what SCCO looks for in a competitive applicant:

- **GPA:** Applicants are advised to have an overall GPA of at least 3.0.
- **OAT Scores:** A competitive applicant is advised to have OAT section scores of at least 300.
- **Demonstrated Passion for Optometry:** There are no shadowing requirements, however in order to make an informed decision about the profession you are entering, observing optometrists is vital. Visit www.optometryadmissions.com for tips on shadowing.
- **Community Service with Emphasis on Leadership:**
Good doctors have a heart for service, not only to their patients, but to their communities as well. Applicants can demonstrate these qualities by the way they spend their discretionary time.
- **Possess Good Time and Stress-Management Skills:**
Successful students know how to prioritize, are organized, and have learned to be good time-managers.
- **Communicate Effectively:** Clear and concise communication is a skill required to be a successful, compassionate, and culturally-sensitive health care provider.