



# State University of New York, State College of Optometry

## COMBINED OPTOMETRY RESIDENCY & GRADUATE (MS or PhD) Program

*A program that offers Advanced Clinical Competency and a Graduate Degree*

### Program Description

The combined Residency/Graduate program at SUNY Optometry offers a unique opportunity for new ODs seeking a graduate degree in vision science research in an area with clinical application while developing and maintaining advanced clinical competencies. The residency program will be completed over a two year period (equivalent to a 12 month program), while concurrent graduate work occurs. The master's degree can be anticipated to be completed within 2-3 years, and the first 1-2 years of the PhD can be completed during residency training. Clinical areas of interest will be coupled with graduate work/research in areas such as: Primary Care, Pediatrics, Cornea and Contact Lens, Vision Rehabilitation, or Ocular Disease.

### Combined Optometry Residency & Graduate Degree (MS or PhD) in Vision Science

SUNY State College of Optometry

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**Program Duration:** Residency: 2 years, start date July 1 (50% time devoted to Residency Program)  
Graduate Degree: Masters – 2 years to completion  
PhD – 2-3 years beyond residency to completion

**Benefits & Salary:** Salary: \$48,743; Sick leave: 5 days/academic year; Professional liability; Health benefits

### Application Process:

Applicant must be accepted first into the Graduate Program prior to applying through ORMatch.

1. **The deadline for application to the Graduate Program is December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
<https://sunyopt.edu/academics/programs/phd-in-vision-science/phd-in-vision-science-application/>  
<https://www.sunyopt.edu/academics/programs/ms-in-vision-science/ms-in-vision-science-application/>
2. **The deadline for application to the residency program through ORMatch**  
[www.natmatch.com/ormatch/](http://www.natmatch.com/ormatch/)

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Visit our Graduate Program website at <https://sunyopt.edu/academics/programs/phd-in-vision-science>  
<https://sunyopt.edu/academics/programs/ms-in-vision-science>

The Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) has granted the Combined Optometry Residency & Graduate Degree in Vision Science program at SUNY the accreditation status of "Accredited." Accredited is a classification granted to an educational program indicating that the program generally meets the Standards for accreditation. For more information, see ACOE's website at [www.theacoe.org](http://www.theacoe.org) or contact the ACOE at [accredit@theacoe.org](mailto:accredit@theacoe.org).

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