



## OPTOMETRY SCHOOLS IN CALIFORNIA (ACCREDITED)

Note: Prerequisites and deadlines subject to change. Please check program websites.

<https://optometriceducation.org>

### UC Berkeley

<https://optometry.berkeley.edu/admissions/requirements/>

Berkeley, CA

#### Prerequisites for Admission:

- BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Courses:
  - Grades for the following prerequisites must contain an average grade of B or higher.
    - General Chemistry with lab: CHEM 215 & 216
    - Organic Chemistry with lab: CHEM 221A
    - Biochemistry; lab is optional: CHEM 436A or CHEM 207
    - General Biology with lab: BIOL 200, 201, and 202
    - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with lab: BIOL 223 & 224 (or BIOL 323 & 324)
    - Microbiology; lab is optional: BIOL 220
    - Calculus: MATH 211
    - Statistics: PSYC 210 or MATH 262
    - Psychology: PSYC 100
    - Reading and Composition (2 semesters or 3 quarters)
    - Immunology; lab is optional (1 semester or 1 quarter)
- Shadowing and optometric experience recommended – applicants better understand their own fit within the profession and communicate that understanding with real-world examples while demonstrating their commitment to optometry.
  - There is no specific number of hours required for shadowing or optometric experience – but obtain as much experience as possible before applying.
- Three Letters of Recommendation:
  - An optometrist who can state through documented experience that you understand the profession of optometry
  - A professor with whom you have done personal work (such as assisted on a specific project), or from whom you took a prerequisite course
  - An employer who can comment about your maturity diligence, and conscientiousness
- Personal Statement\* (Topic will vary every year)
- Optometry Admission Test required





**Marshall B. Ketchum University**

<https://www.ketchum.edu/optometry>

Fullerton, CA

**Prerequisites for Admission:**

- BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Courses:
  - Grades for the following prerequisites must contain an average grade of C- or higher.
    - General Chemistry with lab: CHEM 215 & 216
    - Organic Chemistry with lab: CHEM 221A
    - Physics with lab: PHYS 121, 122, and 123
    - Microbiology with lab: BIOL 220
    - General Biology with Lab: BIOL 200, 201, and 202
    - Calculus: MATH 211
    - Psychology: PSYC 100
    - Statistics: PSYC 210 or MATH 262
    - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with lab: BIOL 223 & 224 (or BIOL 323 & 324)
    - Biochemistry; lab not required: CHEM 436A or CHEM 207
    - English Composition or Literature\*
- Shadowing and optometric experience recommended – applicants better understand their own fit within the profession and communicate that understanding with real-world examples while demonstrating their commitment to optometry.
  - There is no specific number of hours required for shadowing or optometric experience – but obtain as much experience as possible before applying.
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Statement\* (Topic will vary every year)
- GRE not required



**Western University of Health Sciences**

<https://prospective.westernu.edu/optometry/od/requirements/>

Pomona, CA

**Prerequisites for Admission:**

- BA or BS degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Courses:
  - Grades for the following prerequisites must contain an average grade of B or higher.
    - General Chemistry with lab: CHEM 215 & 216
    - Organic Chemistry with lab: CHEM 221A
    - Physics with lab: PHYS 121, 122, and 123
    - Microbiology with Lab: BIOL 220
    - General Biology with lab: BIOL 200, 201, and 202
    - Calculus: MATH 211
    - Psychology: PSYC 100 or PSYC 201
    - Statistics: PSYC 210 or MATH 262
    - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with Lab: BIOL 223 & 224 (Or BIOL 323 & 324)
    - Biochemistry; lab not required: CHEM 436A or CHEM 207
    - English Composition or Literature\*
- Shadowing and optometric experience recommended – applicants better understand their own fit within the profession and communicate that understanding with real-world examples while demonstrating their commitment to optometry.
  - There is no specific number of hours required for shadowing or optometric experience – but obtain as much experience as possible before applying.
- Three Letters of Recommendation:
  - One letter of recommendation from an Optometrist (should not be a family member)
  - One letter of recommendation from a professor
  - One letter of recommendation from pre-health advisor
- Personal Statement\* (Topic will vary every year)
- Optometry Admission Test required