1 Research

36–18 months before starting optometry school

- Find a local optometrist in a private practice to shadow to discover what optometry is all about.
- Meet with a pre-health advisor to obtain information to keep you on track with optometry school requirements & review your current transcript.
- Review optometry school prerequisite classes for admissions.
- Think about geographic and location preferences.
- Consider other factors: cost, class size, fit, lab space, access to patients, public/private, etc.
- Obtain information from the American Optometric Association (AOA) and American Optometric Student Association (AOSA). (www.aoa.org; www.theaoa.org).
- Join a Pre-Optometry Club at your college/university - if it doesn’t exist, start one!
- Talk to current optometry students, family & friends for their perspective.
- Develop an initial list of schools and visit websites.
- Start researching optometry school scholarships & grants.

2 Prepare for the OAT®

24–16 months before starting dental school

- Register Early! Visit www.ada.org/oat.aspx to apply for OAT eligibility.
- After notification of OAT eligibility, select a Test Date!
- Take a free OAT Practice Test with Kaplan.
- Take a free OAT Strategy Session with Kaplan.
- Enroll with Kaplan to get a higher OAT score.

3 The Application Process—Part I

- Create a schedule of deadlines, including test registration dates, application deadlines (you’ll have primary and secondary application deadlines) and financial aid deadlines.
- Think about appropriate people to write recommendations and contact each with the deadline for submitting references.
- Visit ASCO OptomCAS (www.optomcas.org), ‘Like’ https://www.facebook.com/OptomCAS, & follow @OptomCAS (www.twitter.com/optomcas) to review information necessary for the application process. (Application opens in June)
- Begin writing your personal statement.
- Follow the application directions explicitly and have someone familiar with you review your application before submission.
- Request transcripts from undergraduate/graduate schools sent to OptomCAS.
- Complete and submit your OptomCAS online application.
- Check on status of application: test score reports, transcripts and letters of recommendation.
- Submit secondary applications as requested/necessary.
- Wait for optometry schools to contact you about interviews.

4 The Application Process—Part II

- Prepare for your interview by further researching each school and considering your response to potential questions.
- Investigate financial aid and scholarship opportunities,
- Wait for acceptance letters!
- If you are waitlisted, be patient; seek the advice of your advisor and continue to engage in activities that enhance your application (shadowing, research, etc.).

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How Do I Register for the OAT?

You must apply for OAT eligibility before you are able to select your OAT test date. After you receive your confirmation, select your test date. Register as early as possible at www.ada.org/oat.aspx.

Test registration: $226

Optometry Social Media:

Twitter: @OptomCAS (www.twitter.com/optomcas)
Facebook: www.facebook.com/optomcas

Important Links:

For more information on optometry schools, admissions, applications and programs for pre-optometry students, visit the websites below:
American Optometric Association: www.aoa.org
American Optometric Student Association: www.theosa.org
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry: www.opted.org

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