

AT A GLANCE

Students and Admissions

Degrees awarded: OD, PhD, OD/MS, OD/PhD

Enrollment: 402

OD Applicants (Class of 2023):

436 applicants; 100 enrolled

Students from New York State: 56%

Female/male ratio: approx. 71%/ 29%

Average GPA of entering classes: 3.59

Graduate Students: 11 PhD, 9 OD/MS, 3MS

Alumni: approx. 3,200

National Board average pass rates

(5-year average): 95% of students pass all three parts of the NBEO by graduation.

Faculty

Faculty: 113

Full-time faculty: 66

Part-time faculty: 17

Satellite faculty: 30

External adjuncts: 170

Research

The College conducts a robust program of basic, translational and clinical research.

Grants in FY 2018-19: 33

Funding: approx. \$3.62 million

Residency Programs

Residents: 41 (2018-19)

Residency areas: Cornea and Contact Lenses; Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Family Practice; Low Vision Rehabilitation; Ocular Disease; Pediatrics; Primary Eye Care; Acquired Brain Injury; Vision Therapy and Rehabilitation; Combined Residency and Graduate Degree (MS or PhD) in Vision Science.

Patient Care

The University Eye Center (UEC) is one of the largest optometric outpatient facilities in the nation and offers both primary and specialized vision care services.

UEC Patient visits FY 2018-19: 69,626

Total Patient Encounters: > 240,000 including UEC, Satellite Clinics and Educational Affiliates.

Clinical Education

Hours of clinical experience for each OD student over four years: >2,400

- Primary Care, including pediatrics, children with special needs and learning disabilities, and infants.
- Advanced Care, including specialized care for patients with cataracts, glaucoma, diabetes, macular degeneration and other ocular diseases, specialty contact lenses, and imaging services.
- Rehabilitation, including individualized care for patients with visual disorders, low vision, and head trauma.
- Social Work Services, including free support groups, other support services, and referrals for long-term counseling.
- Eyewear Center, with a large selection of frames, designer eyewear, and specialty lenses.
- Community Outreach, including education, screenings, support groups, and homebound care touching 9,600 lives through The Bowery Mission, and partnerships with hospitals affiliated with NYC Health + Hospitals and other medical centers, and community based organizations.

The College also has 65 affiliated clinical sites.

International Affiliations

- Wenzhou Medical University, Wenzhou, China
- LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, India
- University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa

Optometric Center of New York

Founded in 1956, the OCNY is the nonprofit allied and endowing foundation of the College.

OCNY trustees: 21

Assets: \$10.8 million

Finances

In-state tuition (2019-20): \$29,840

Out-of-state tuition (2019-20): \$51,150

Scholarships/grants (2018-19): \$1.0M

Annual operating budget: approx. \$34 million

Location

All classrooms, research facilities, the University Eye Center, and the library are located in a 298,000 square-foot, 18-story building on 42nd Street between Fifth and Sixth Avenues in Midtown Manhattan. There are additional externship sites around New York City and beyond.

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The State University of New York College of Optometry is authorized to operate by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York (New York State Department of Education). The College is regionally accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). Its professional and residency education programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE).

