



# WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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## DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY – ADVANCED-STANDING

### APPLICATION PROCESS AND CHECKLIST

This checklist is provided to assist you in submitting all the required materials. **The following items must be submitted on or before November 1, 2024.** Qualified candidates will be invited to interview.

\_\_\_\_\_ Online Application & Application Fee

Must be electronically submitted on or before November 1, 2023. A non-refundable application fee of \$200 must be paid online via credit card at the time you submit your application.

\_\_\_\_\_ Foreign Coursework Evaluation

Official transcripts for all coursework completed outside the United States and Canada must be submitted to **World Education Services** or **Josef Silney & Associates** for a course-by-course evaluation. The evaluation service should then send/release the official evaluation to WesternU.

\_\_\_\_\_ Official Transcripts for U.S. Coursework

Official transcripts for any courses completed at U.S. or Canadian institution must be submitted directly to WesternU.

\_\_\_\_\_ Official TOEFL or E3PT Scores

All applicants whose native language is not English must submit official ETS TOEFL or English3 (E3PT) score results.

\_\_\_\_\_ Optometry Admissions Test (OAT) Scores (if applicable)

If you have taken the OAT, please release your official scores to Western University of Health Sciences.

\_\_\_\_\_ Letters of Recommendation

We require three letters of recommendation. It is suggested that one letter be from an optometrist/clinical supervisor, and one from a faculty member, pre-health advisor, or employee who is familiar with the applicant's work. The request for a letter of recommendation will be sent electronically to your recommender with the information you provide in your application.

\_\_\_\_\_ Current Curriculum Vitae

A current curriculum vitae with details of your current and/or past professional experiences must be submitted with your application.

\_\_\_\_\_ National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) Score Reports (if applicable)

As part of the placement decision, applicants may be requested to take and pass Parts I, II, or III of the NBEO.

\_\_\_\_\_ Proof of Funding

International students are required to provide proof of funding for one academic year before an I-20 will be issued.

The Admissions Office will email you to acknowledge that your application was received. When all required documents are received, your application will be processed. You will then receive an email message from the Admissions Office informing you of the status of your application.



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