Programme Specification

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PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Optometry is a profession in which those that practise attain a high level of expertise in ocular disease and its management. Optometrists are responsible for detection, diagnosis and management of ocular disease and the rehabilitation of conditions of the visual system. They provide approximately 90% of primary eye care in the UK and the profession is responsible for 40% of ocular and ophthalmic referrals to the secondary care sector.

The MOptom (Hons) is a four year full-time programme of 480 credits structured as four parts. The first three are structured as approximately 22 contact weeks and six examination weeks. If you attain an average mark of 50% in these three years and are deemed clinically competent you will be allowed to enrol on the ‘Scheme for Registration’, managed by the Professional Body (The College of Optometrists), enabling you to operate as a pre-registration Optometrist. The fourth part consists of 11 contact weeks and approximately 30 weeks clinical placement and 4 assessment weeks. The 30 weeks clinical placement will also act as the location for your ‘Scheme for Registration’ but the Professional Body examination is not part of the MOptom itself. Contact and assessment weeks must be supplemented by private study.

An academic mentor will be provided with clinical experience to support you whilst you are engaged on the programme. The mentor will be able to provide pastoral care and guidance on clinical matters arising during your pre-registration period.

The benefits to you as an eye-care professional will be that the MOptom will develop your clinical diagnostic skills and expertise in common ophthalmic disorders that would enable you to work more closely with tertiary and other primary ophthalmic clinicians. The MOptom is a higher award than a BSc and enables you to demonstrate the ability to engage in and critically evaluate material from various sources to derive the best clinical procedure for your patients. The MOptom will provide a foundation on which to develop into an optometrist that is able to manage and work alongside fellow health care professionals in managing complex and common ocular disorders.

Following your first three years and depending on your academic achievement at the end of this time you will be eligible to enter the MOptom. This final year is set at Master’s Degree level and aims to provide you with a higher level clinical training so that you will be able to specialise in ophthalmic examination and monitoring of specific ocular conditions such as glaucoma and diabetes that may be conducted in partnership with the NHS. The MOptom also develops master’s level academic qualities such as the
ability to make complex decisions and analyse complex data. The programme builds on the underlying BSc modules to develop a graduate with a higher level understanding of the pathogenesis and management of ocular disease. It is also designed to provide you with greater awareness of your clinical role within the UK health sector and to enable you to provide higher level clinical care at an earlier stage of your career. The high level of clinical competence and professionalism that the programme emphasizes is designed to improve your prospects of employment as the profession is called upon to enter into co-management schemes with the NHS to manage common eye disorders within the community.

The first three years of the programme develop your knowledge in ocular physiology and pathology, optics and clinical and professional practice. The final year of the MOptom is structured so that you are able to undertake your pre-registration training whilst undertaking four Masters level modules that are tailored to the needs of the profession. There are no optional modules on the programme.

The normal period of registration on the programme is four years and the maximum period of registration is six years. The first three years are spent at City University within the University clinics whilst the final year you will be employed as a pre-registration optometrist, receive clinical support for your placement and attend lectures for the MSc modules. You will have access to the University clinics during your time on the MOptom programme to supplement your clinical placement.

The MOptom is aimed at students who wish to develop their academic skills, enhance their clinical edge, and deliver high quality services to patients sooner. The MOptom will provide up to two pre-registration places for students with a high street practice in London.

For all of you completing Part one or the Certificate in Higher Education you will be able to discuss underlying concepts and principles associated with Optometry and interpret these within the context of your practice.

For all of you completing Part Two or the Diploma in Higher Education you will build on your previous knowledge and experience. You will develop skills of enquiry in your subject and develop different approaches to problem-solving as well as identify the limitations of your knowledge.

For all of you completing Part Three or the BSc degree you will further develop a coherent systematic, detailed knowledge of your discipline. You will be able to develop techniques for practice drawing on research and scholarship demonstrating your role as a reflective practitioner.

For all of you completing the Masters in Optometry you will demonstrate original application of knowledge to clinical optometric practice with the ability to synthesise and analyse clinical information to decide upon the best practice for your patient. You will be able to effectively communicate and deliver a clinical plan to manage independently a variety of ophthalmic conditions. You will be engaged in research or scholarly activity that contributes new views to the delivery of optometric care in the UK.

Indicative content

Practice: dispensing, contact lens fitting and after-care, refraction and detection of ocular and systemic diseases.

Theory: advanced methods of ophthalmic examination, diabetic and glaucoma eye care,
ophthalmic management and care.

Aims

- To provide a supportive learning environment which fosters academic and personal development
- To ensure that clinical decisions are based on relevant evidence for best practice
- To make appropriate use of a range of teaching and learning methods and resources to provide education and training that is relevant, intellectually challenging and enjoyable
- To develop your analytical, critical and problem-solving faculties and your ability to produce original work
- To prepare you for a professional career as a skilled primary health care practitioner
- To foster a caring attitude to others and excellent inter-personal skills
- To ensure that your expertise in the assessment and management of ocular conditions is attained
- To enable you to be autonomous in providing a clinical care pathway

WHAT WILL I BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE?

On successful completion of this programme, you will be expected to:

Knowledge and understanding:

- Demonstrate advanced knowledge and understanding of ocular physiology, pathology, optics and clinical and professional practice.
- Apply advanced, evidence-based knowledge to decide on the most effective strategy for managing a patient and evaluating outcomes.
- Demonstrate critical analysis in selecting and evaluating the most appropriate tests to perform in order to diagnose and manage the full range of patients from all age groups and including those with disabilities.
- Develop your self-reflection and critical thinking in relation to the care of patients and strategies to improve patient outcomes through best practice.
- Demonstrate a critical understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of optometry and its role in shared care.

Skills:

- Demonstrate enhanced clinical competencies in the examination and diagnosis of ocular conditions.
- Develop the skills to be fully autonomous with respect to patient management and be able to work independently applying critical skills to the examination of ocular conditions.
- Demonstrate an advanced ability to solve clinical problems and communicate your management plan effectively to peers and patients.
Values and Attitudes:

- Demonstrate an independent ability to take overall responsibility for a patient’s care.
- Work within a practice environment as a member of a team taking increasing levels of responsibility for the overall management of patients.
- Demonstrate critical understanding of the legal, ethical and professional aspects of optometric practice.

This programme has been developed in accordance with the General Optical Council’s core competencies, September 2010 and the QAA Subject Benchmark for Optometry December 2007.

HOW WILL I LEARN?

On the first three years of the programme, you will be taught using a wide range of methods, ranging from traditional lectures to small group tutorials and practical classes. The lectures are supported with hand-outs and PowerPoint slides with some material provided using Adobe presenter to summarise key points. Audio and lecture capture of individual lectures are provided for revision of the material covered. Tutorials are arranged for discussing clinical cases, using role play to improve patient/practitioner communication and to discuss in more detail topics covered in the lectures. The practical classes cover experiments and demonstrations in biology and optics. A dedicated clinical teaching area is provided where the clinical techniques are taught throughout the programme. Videos of clinical procedures are available for revision in addition to the hands on teaching in the practical clinical laboratories.

Guided Independent Study are set assignments, projects or a dissertation that requires you to work independently or with a small group to prepare an oral presentation or final report with support from Academic staff. Several external visits are provided to contact lens manufacturers, optometric practices and the King’s College London pathology museum to aid your learning and experience the commercial and manufacturer’s role in the profession. In the third year clinical placements at Moorfields Eye Hospital provide you with access to specialist clinics and exposure to patients with less common conditions, under ophthalmological supervision. In addition you will visit the Royal National Institute for the Blind’s resource centre.

During the final year you will complete 4 Masters level modules in Glaucoma, Diabetes Ophthalmic Examination and Optometric practice. The first three modules will take place in three distinct weeks spaced out over the year, approximately 10 weeks apart. The Optometric Practice module incorporates your work based placement as a pre-registration student. You will benefit from ongoing pastoral support during your final year with recordings of tutorials available on-line, along with the opportunity to join webinars on specific clinical topics. You will be encouraged to contribute to the content that is covered in tutorials and will have ongoing support from all staff within optometry to help you with your learning and development of your clinical skills. You will be assigned a personal tutor with a clinical qualification to help you with any clinical queries or you may discuss any issues with the programme director.

During this final year of the programme you will be employed as a pre-registration optometrist in private practice or within a hospital optometry department. While this
placement will provide you with the location for your ‘Scheme for Registration’, the requirements will be mirrored in the requirements for the MOptom Optometric Practice module, for which you will have clinical and academic support. During this practice you will be required to complete 350 sight tests and 250 spectacles dispenses along with successful completion of 75 clinical competencies. You will need to keep a reflective, analytical account of the practice experiences and evidence any changes you have made to your practice during the year and ensure you log sufficient clinical episodes. A final OSCE (Observed Structured Clinical Examination) will take place at the end of your placement in June.

N.B. The Professional Body Examination will also take place during June /July but does not contribute towards the MOptom. However, the MOptom assessments will reflect similar competencies (with the addition of advanced reflection) and will therefore support you in successfully completing them.

Independent study times are for you to revise and prepare for teaching sessions and prepare for oral presentations of your work.

During the first 3 years of the programme, the average contact time of the 3600 hours programme overall is: 459 hours of lectures, 441 hours of Practical Classes, 97 hours of tutorials, 2586 hours of independent study and 17 hours on placements/external visits. A student will on average have 25 hours per week of direct contact with staff in teaching sessions. The final part four will involve 6 days at City University on the MOptom modules with an additional 8 x 2 hour sessions of tutorials/workshops provided to all students each month and spread out throughout the year. Students will also be required to attend the University for the examinations (4 days). Scheduled appointments will be made between yourself and an academic to discuss your reflective journal. The 1200 hours of study that represent the final year are composed of 95 hours of lectures, 580 hours on placement and 523 hours of independent study.

WHAT TYPES OF ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK CAN I EXPECT?

Assessment and Assessment Criteria

It is fundamentally important that you understand how you can demonstrate that you have met the learning outcomes for each part of a module that is assessed. These details are contained within Assessment Criteria which will be made available to you for each assessment. Assessment Criteria are descriptions, based on the intended learning outcomes, of the skills, knowledge or attitudes that you need to demonstrate in order to complete an assessment successfully, providing a mechanism by which the quality of an assessment can be measured. Grade-Related Criteria are descriptions of the level of skills, knowledge or attributes that you need to demonstrate in order achieve a certain grade or mark in an assessment, providing a mechanism by which the quality of an assessment can be measured and placed within the overall set of marks. Assessment Criteria and Grade-Related Criteria will be made available to you to support you in completing assessments. These may be provided in programme handbooks, module specifications, on the virtual learning environment or attached to a specific assessment task.

A wide range of assessment methods are employed, reflecting the diversity of material covered and learning outcomes. Closed-book written exams as a summative assessment are still recognised as an important indicator of your ability in line with
University requirements and the recommendations of external examiners. However, the format of the written papers reflects the diverse learning outcomes of individual modules and includes VRICS (visual recognition and interpretation of clinical signs), VIMOCS (visual interpretation and management of clinical symptoms) for clinical subjects. Multiple choice tests form a part of written exams or may be used to assess your learning as standalone assessments. Written exams may require that a short or long essay to be written and can include mathematical problems requiring calculations to solve a problem.

The development of communication and presentation skills is considered to be an important course objective. Assessment of independent study, clinical case discussions, Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs) and viva voce examinations all demand good communication/presentation skills which will be assessed throughout the three years of the course. These assessment types are designed to improve your ability with communicating with patients and also for the final College registration examinations which use these assessment types. Formative assessments of your clinical skills occur on placements where clinical tutors guide your learning through your patient episodes.

The MOptom programme does not substitute for the Scheme for Registration and credit gained on the programme cannot contribute towards your final professional registration examinations that are managed by the College of Optometrists and accredited by the General Optical Council as the primary route to registration.

Staff are always available to answer your enquiries and can arrange additional support for your studies.

Feedback on assessment

You will normally be provided with feedback within three weeks of the submission deadline or assessment date. This would normally include a provisional grade or mark. For end of module examinations or an equivalent significant task (e.g. an end of module project), feedback will normally be provided within four weeks. The timescale for feedback on final year projects or dissertations may be longer. The full policy can be found at: https://www.city.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/68921/assessment_and_feedback_policy.pdf

Assessment Regulations

In order to pass your Programme, you should complete successfully or be exempted from the relevant modules and assessments and will therefore acquire the required number of credits. You also need to pass each Part of your Programme in order to progress to the following Part.

A student that is not registered with the GOC cannot pursue the course which requires a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. Students whose DBS check reveals a non-custodial conviction may be subjected to a DBS panel to review the seriousness and nature of the conviction before admission can proceed. You must be registered as a student optometrist with the GOC at the time of taking any assessments for them to be counted towards your degree.

For the BSc Optometry Part 1 is weighted at 10%, Part 2 at 30% and Part 3 at 60%.

If you take the MOptom, the first part of the degree is weighted at 10%, the second part
at 10%, the third part at 20% and the final fourth part at 60%. The General Optical Council stipulates that Optometry degrees must have a final year weighting of 60%.

The Pass mark for each module is 40% for years 1-3 and 50% in the fourth year, reflecting Master's level performance. Each clinical module requires that the clinical components be passed in order for the module to be passed. Details of each module’s requirements to pass are found on the module specifications on Moodle.

In order to start Part 4 or to be eligible to enrol on the Professional Body’s ‘Scheme for Registration' you must obtain an overall grade of 50% (lower boundary of the II(2) degree classification) based on parts 1-3 of the programme

If you fail an assessment component or a module, the following will apply:

Resit: you will normally be offered only one resit attempt. However, if you did not participate in the first assessment and have no extenuating circumstances, you may not be offered a resit. The Assessment Board may, at its discretion, permit you to resit during the course of the following year, with or without attendance. You will be permitted one resit opportunity unless extenuating circumstances apply in which case the resit may be undertaken as a first attempt.

If you are successful in the resit, you shall be awarded the credit for that module. The mark used for the purpose of calculation towards your Award shall be calculated from the original marks for the component(s) that you passed at first attempt and the minimum pass mark for the component(s) for which you took a resit.

If you do not satisfy your resit by the date specified you will not progress to the next Part and the Assessment Board shall require that you withdraw from the Programme. The assessment board may at its discretion permit a third and final attempt if a student has an overall degree classification of >50% and has failed only one module.

If you fail to meet the requirements for a particular Part, but satisfy the requirements for the previous Part, then a lower qualification may be awarded as per the table below. If you fail to meet the requirements for a particular Part and are not eligible for the award of a lower level qualification, the Assessment Board shall require that you withdraw from the Programme.

If you would like to know more about the way in which assessment works at City, please see the full version of the Assessment Regulations at: [http://www.city.ac.uk/__data/assets/word_doc/0003/69249/s19.doc](http://www.city.ac.uk/__data/assets/word_doc/0003/69249/s19.doc)

**WHAT AWARD CAN I GET?**

**MOptom (Hons)**
You must successfully pass the four MOptom modules in order to graduate with an MOptom (Hons). You must achieve at least 50% (2.2) to enter the Scheme for Registration and a minimum of 60% (2.1 upper division) to be eligible for consideration to enter the MOptom programme. If you gain less than 50% you will be awarded the BSc Optometry but you will not be able to enter the ‘Scheme for Registration or the MOptom.

Exit award: You will be awarded a BSc (Hons) if you fail to complete the MOptom programme.
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### Bachelor’s Degree with Honours:
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### Certificate of Higher Education:
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### WHAT WILL I STUDY?
All modules are compulsory and must be passed in order to progress to the next part of the programme.

**Part 1**
Part 1 is comprised of five core modules that all students must take. These modules provide the scientific underpinning for clinical work that follows in Parts 2 and 3. It is your
responsibility to register as a student optometrist with the General Optical Council (GOC) before commencing the programme. [https://www.optical.org/en/Education/student-registration/index.cfm](https://www.optical.org/en/Education/student-registration/index.cfm)

To pass Part 1 and progress to Part 2, you must achieve 120 credits from the Part 1 modules.

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**Part 2**

In order to pass a Part of a Programme, you should acquire the total credit set out in the Programme Scheme at the specified level for the Award, or have been exempted as provided elsewhere.

To pass Part 2 and progress to Part 3, you must have acquired 120 credits.

If you resit Part 2 with or without attendance or if you have passed part two but are taking the year out due to extenuating circumstances, regardless of whether you have passed the Clinical Skills routine and stations exam (OV2004), you must demonstrate that you are clinically competent to see patients before progressing to the third year clinics. You will be required to attend Clinical Skills labs during the second term (depending on availability) and will be required to pass both the full routine. Failure to pass these exams may result in you being withdrawn from the course.

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**Part 3**

To pass Part 3, you must have acquired 120 credits. To obtain a BSc (Hons) degree in Optometry Part 3 requirements must have been satisfied. You also need to acquire a certificate of clinical competence in order to enter your pre-registration training. This certificate details your patient episodes and core competencies obtained in the optometry clinics. The General Optical Council set minimum required numbers for your patient experience and specify the clinical core competencies. Failure to attain a IIIi (50%) for your degree classification will result in you not being able to move directly into
the pre-registration year or the MOptom programme that requires a minimum 60% on parts 1-3 in order for you to be considered a potential student on the programme.

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**Part 4**

Entry to Part 4 of the programme will be based on your academic performance at the end of Part 3 of the BSc degree programme. You will need to have successfully obtained a pre-registration placement before entering Part 4 of the programme.

To pass Part 4, you must successfully pass the following four core Master’s level modules.

**Optometric Practice (OVM060):** evidence of Master’s level reflection on 350 sight tests, 250 dispenses and 80 hours of hospital placements through reflective logs and an OSCE. Whilst on placement you will be employed and supervised by an optometrist and will receive clinical and academic support to assist both yourself and your supervisor through ongoing tutorials and clinical workshops. You will enhance your skills of communication, professional conduct, ocular examination, dispensing, contact lens fitting, managing ocular disease, assessing visual function and the management of binocular vision. Attendance at 6 of the 8 tutorials is required to pass this module.

You will be expected to pass four MOptom modules that will run from September to May at City University. These MOptom modules are:

- **OVM054 Ophthalmic Examination:** to run in November at City University London.
- **OVM006 Glaucoma:** to run in December/January at City University London (accredited by the College of Optometrists and for which you will receive a professional certificate).
- **OVM005 Diabetic Eye Disease:** to run in April at City University London

Each of the MOptom modules requires a 50% pass mark in order to obtain the credits for the module.

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N.B. Level 7 indicates Master’s level.

TO WHAT KIND OF CAREER MIGHT I GO ON?

On completion of the College professional qualifying examinations and registration with the General Optical Council you will normally work in private practice/hospital clinic or undertake further studies to work as a clinical researcher. The MOptom is an integrated Master’s degree with the Bachelor’s degree in optometry. It will be advantageous to have a MOptom if you plan to engage in a specialised clinical practice or take on a leadership role within an organisation. The MOptom differs to an MSc in clinical optometry by not incorporating a 60 credit dissertation module and is completed in one year rather than two years for an MSc in clinical optometry that would be more suitable if you wished to pursue a research centred career.

City University offers support with careers and interview technique and cv guidance. [http://www.city.ac.uk/careers/for-students-and-recent-graduates](http://www.city.ac.uk/careers/for-students-and-recent-graduates).

The Alumni department can also help maintain contact with the University. [http://www.city.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.city.ac.uk/alumni)

Placements

You will attend the University Optometry clinics from the start of the second term in second year. During the final year of the MOptom and the ‘scheme for registration’, you will be supervised by an optometrist in practice. The practice may be within a hospital, an independent or a high street multiple Pre-registration places are usually offered to at the end of their second year with the main multiples conducting interviews. It is your responsibility to obtain a pre-registration placement, and the University can help you with interview technique and preparing your cv. Whilst you are on the MOptom will have access to the University clinics and academic support to support their clinical learning during Part 4 of the programme.

WILL I GET ANY PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION?

The first three years of the course are accredited by the General Optical Council and reviewed every five years. You are required to register annually as a student optometrist with the GOC. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action with the GOC and withdrawal from the course.

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HOW DO I ENTER THE PROGRAMME?

Applications are made at the time of enrolment through UCAS if you are an international student. Students obtaining AAB at A-level with a minimum of two A-level subjects from biology (or human biology), mathematics, chemistry and physics will be eligible to apply for enrolment on the MOptom at the end of part 2 of the programme. Overseas qualifications will be considered on a case by case basis.

At the end of Part 2 students wishing to be considered for the MOptom programme will complete an application to transfer form. Students not selected for the MOptom programme will graduate with a BSc Optometry (Hons). At the end of Part 3 you will be selected onto the programme based upon:

- You having secured a pre-registration placement independently.
- The number of places on the programme (20).
- Obtaining a minimum 60% 2ii (upper division) degree classification calculated on Parts 1-3 of the programme.

International Baccalaureate (IB): 34

English Language Requirements:
One of the following is required
- IELTS: 7.0 overall: with at least 7.0 in the listening, reading, writing and speaking sections
- GCSE: English Language Grade C.

APL/AP(E)L Requirements
There are no opportunities to AP(E)L (Accreditation for Prior Experience/Learning) into the MOptom programme.

City University London is offering a Scholarship of up to £2,000 per year for optometry to UK and EU undergraduate students achieving grades AAB or above at A-level in the year they apply (or equivalent) starting an undergraduate course at City in September 2012. Further details can be found on the University’s website at: http://www.city.ac.uk/study/why-study-at-city/fees-and-finance/scholarships.

One £1500 bursary is awarded to the student with the highest academic performance on parts 1-3 and entering the MOptom programme.

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