BSc (Hons) Optometry

Information for Clearing 2017

Clearing entry requirements:
128 UCAS points (A, B, B)

GCSE: A minimum of five passes grade 4 (C) in GCSE, including English and Mathematics.

In addition to meeting the entry requirements, students are required to have enhanced disclosure and barring service clearance

About the course:
The Optometry BSc degree offers a professionally recognised qualification preparing students for a rewarding career in optometry.

City's Division of Optometry and Visual Sciences has an excellent reputation with expert academics from a wide range of disciplines including optometrists, ophthalmologists, dispensing opticians, orthoptists, physicists, psychologists, neuroscientists and biologists. Students learn through a variety of different formats including lectures, tutorials, seminars, laboratory work, clinical practice and our web-based virtual learning environment.

Students benefit from state-of-the-art clinics and laboratories, including our brand new City Sight Optometry Clinic, based on campus at Northampton Square. Students spend on average, 25 hours per week of direct contact with staff in teaching sessions and are supported throughout their studies by their personal tutor and experienced teaching staff including visiting clinical tutors who come out of practice to support student's education by sharing their clinical experience.

At City, we recognise that one way of assessing does not suit everyone so we use many different techniques including coursework, written examinations, vivas and practice-based assessment including Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs) and a dissertation. From 2017 onwards we are starting a new elective module called personal development planning; the aim of the module is to allow students to develop into well rounded individuals with an emphasis not just on optometry but on extra circular activities which will be beneficial to their future careers. Successful completion of the module will allow for the award of a 'Gold', 'Silver' or 'Bronze' employability award.

Clearing application process:
City will accept a limited number of students through clearing to the BSc (Hons) Optometry degree course starting in 2017. For clearing application enquiries, please email optometry@city.ac.uk.
Key course details:

Course start date:
Monday 25th September 2017

Duration:
3 year, full time course

Location:
Taught on campus at City, University of London and at partner clinical placement sites including Moorfields Eye Hospital and Royal National Institute for Blind People in central London.

Fees:
UK/EU
Full-time: £9,250 for the first year of study (2018/19 and following years fees to be confirmed)

Non-EU
Full-time: £15,000 for the first year of study (2018/19 and following years fees to be confirmed)

Scholarships and bursaries:
City, University of London and the School of Health Sciences have a range of scholarships and bursaries open to students applying to study undergraduate courses in September 2017, find out more.

Clinical placements:
Students studying optometry at City benefit from placements at the UK leading optical hospital, Moorfields Eye Hospital. Whilst on placement at Moorfields students observe ophthalmologists treating and managing ocular conditions in a diverse range of patients, both in clinics and operating theatres.

City students also have the opportunity of placements at the Royal National Institute for Blind People’s resource centre in central London where they learn about multidisciplinary low vision care.

Why chose to study nursing at City?

- City is ranked 1st in London for Optometry (2017 Guardian University Guide)
- Placements at Moorfields Eye Hospital, leading UK eye hospital
- New clinic City Sight with state of the art and latest ophthalmic equipment

Careers:
Graduate employment from City’s optometry degree is over 97%, with most graduates securing employment in high street optometry practices. Optometry offers a flexible career with many optometrists choosing to work flexibly as a locum. A small number will work in hospitals and for industry.

Students need to complete a pre-registration period after graduating from university, usually a year. Pre-registration period salaries are variable but around £13,000-£14,000. Starting salaries after finishing the pre-registration period are approximately £25,000 depending on employer and location. With experience optometrists can earn from £28,000 to £60,000+.

What our students say:
“Everyone in the optometry department is very approachable and kind, both my fellow students and teaching and support staff. The academics are extremely approachable and always make an effort to help you. When you have a question or are stuck with something, they will never turn you away and will work with you to help you understand.”