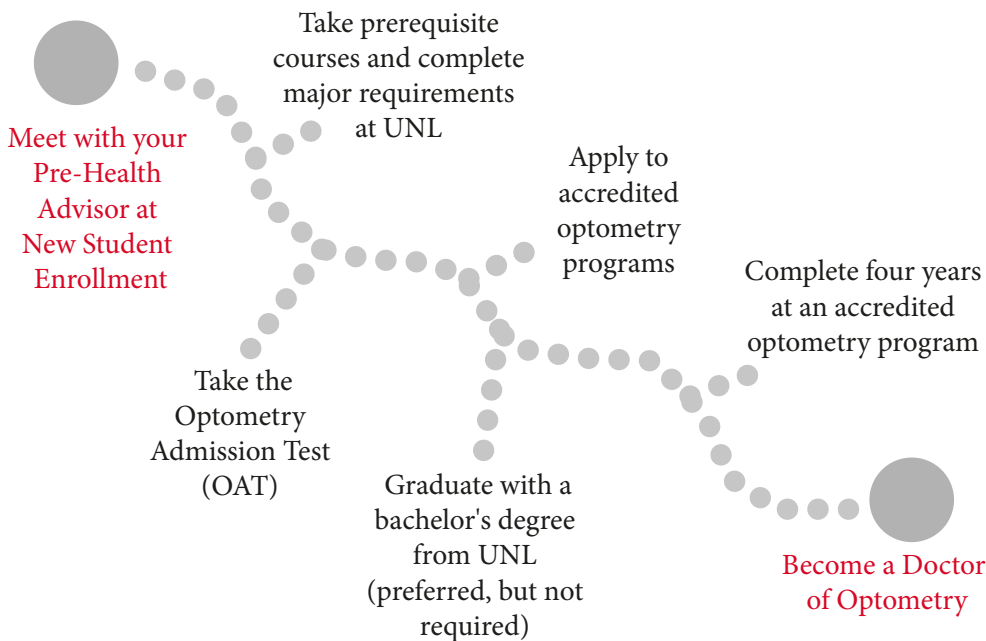


N Explore Center Pre-Optometry

WHAT IS PRE-OPTOMETRY?

Optometry is the primary health profession dedicated to caring for vision. Through academic and clinical training, optometrists acquire the knowledge and skills needed to diagnose, treat, and prevent problems of the visual system. Pre-Optometry students work one to one with an advisor to reach their goals, and they can choose any major to pair with their focus.

HOW TO GET THERE



OUR STUDENTS

"From your first days on campus to your last, the Explore Center is here to help you through your Pre-Health journey. From career advising meetings to application preparation for professional health school, the Explore Center advisors will be there to help along the way."
- Brandon, '21



UNL graduates more healthcare professionals than any other school in Nebraska

100%

of UNL applicants were admitted to optometry schools in 2020, with a national average of 76%



The Nebraska Difference

GET PAID TO DO RESEARCH AS AN UNDERGRAD

Encourage and inspire freshmen students by being a Pre-Health Peer Mentor

HUMANITIES IN MEDICINE MINOR

Live and learn with Pre-Health peers in a learning community

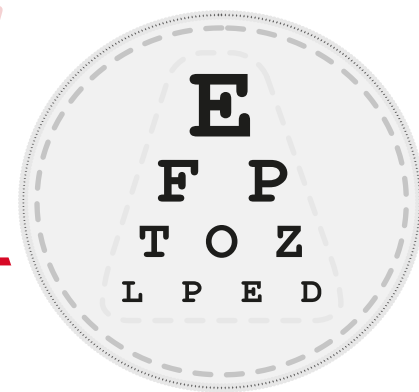
MEET ONE TO ONE WITH OPTOMETRY SCHOOL VISITORS

Share your Pre-Health story by becoming an Explore Center Ambassador

INTRO TO HEALTH PROFESSIONS COURSE

Become an undergraduate teaching assistant or tutor for important Pre-Health science courses

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SUGGESTED COURSES

Required Course Work*	MIN. #
Biological Sciences with Lab	2
Human Physiology with Lab	1
Human Anatomy	1
Microbiology with Lab	1
General Chemistry with Lab	2
Organic Chemistry with Lab	1-2
Biochemistry	1
Physics with Lab	2
Calculus	1
Statistics	1
Psychology	1-2
English Composition	2

Recommended Course Work	MIN. #
Intro to Sociology or Anthropology	1
Fundamentals of Human Communication	1
Additional Psychology	2
Math	1

* These courses are commonly required by optometry schools, but specific requirements vary by institution. You are encouraged to work with an advisor to determine requirements at specific optometry schools.

Required & Recommended Science Courses Only			
FIRST	Biological Sciences I w/lab	SECOND	General Chemistry I w/lab
	Math (per placement)		Calculus
THIRD	General Chemistry II w/lab	FOURTH	Organic Chemistry I w/lab
	Biological Sciences II w/lab		
FIFTH	Organic Chemistry II w/lab or Biochemistry	SIXTH	Human Physiology w/lab
	Physics I w/lab		Physics II w/lab
SEVENTH	Biochemistry w/lab	EIGHTH	Human Anatomy
	Microbiology w/lab		Recommended Courses

Professional School Requirements:

- **Undergraduate Credit:**
Bachelor's degree preferred; or minimum of 90 credit hours
- **Entrance Exam:**
Optometry Admission Test (OAT)
- **Professional Schooling:**
3-4 years of professional school for a Doctor of Optometry (O.D.)
- **Local Professional Schools:**
None in Nebraska; Regionally - St. Louis, MO and Chicago, IL

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