

MOptom with Independent Prescribing: Information for applicants.

Course delivery format	<p>The course is delivered through a blended format: primarily learning resources are delivered face to face utilising a variety of methods including synchronous lectures, clinical skills sessions, workshops, and tutorials. Additional asynchronous lectures, discussion boards and other learning resources are provided utilising the University virtual learning environment 'Brightspace' You should note that attendance at all taught sessions whether being delivered face to face or virtually is mandatory. Students undertaking this programme need to be located such that they are able to attend sessions on campus across the week (Monday-Friday).</p>
Learning responsibility	<p>Students should have a computer which meets the minimum requirements Information for Students - Buying your own device (uhi.ac.uk) .</p> <p>Students will be provided with a timetable in advance of the start of each semester. Taught sessions may be spread across the week Monday-Friday between 9-5 and days and times of attendance may vary from semester to semester.</p> <p>This is a full-time Integrated Masters programme and students will complete 120 credits of study per academic year (years 1-4) and . This will be made up of a mix of 20 and 40 credit modules. In some semesters students will complete 3x 20 credit modules and in others 1 x20 credit module and 1x 40 credit module. Modules for each semester run concurrently. Students should expect to study for 40 hours per week. In year 5 students will undertake a 48 week full time paid placement within community practice (Foundation training year, FTY). This will be structured as 4 days of clinical practice and one designated study day across the week. Students will complete 140 credits of academic study during the year 5 placement.</p> <p>Students are responsible for ensuring they have enough time to study and that they are available to sit exams when required. We strongly recommend that full time students should not be working for more than 12 hours per week in external employment. Any external employment should be scheduled so as not to impact on your ability to attend taught sessions.</p>
Face to Face Induction	<p>There is a face-to-face programme induction for each year of study, at which attendance is mandatory. This will take place within UHI House,</p>

	Inverness (formerly the Centre for Health Science) in late August/ early September.
Placements	<p>Attendance on placement is mandatory in each year of the programme. Placements will be across a variety of settings, across Scotland, including Island locations commencing with a 2-week placement in year 1, semester 2.</p> <p>Students are responsible for, the full cost of travel to and from placements, accommodation and living costs during these periods.</p>
General Optical Council	<p>The programme is accredited by the General Optical Council (GOC). It is a GOC requirement that all students studying optometry must apply for student registration with the GOC and this must be maintained for the duration of study. Registration requires annual renewal and cost of registration/renewal is currently £30 per year</p> <p>This is a registrable degree programme. Graduates will be eligible, upon successful completion, to apply to join the GOC register as a fully qualified optometrist with Independent prescribing.</p>
Occupational Health	All students are required to be passed as fit by occupational health to be enabled to study on the programme. This will require the completion of a confidential occupation health questionnaire and an in person visit to attend an occupational health appointment.
PVG	This is a category 1 PVG course: PVG scheme membership is required in order to study on this programme, due to the guaranteed contact that students will have with vulnerable groups in key elements of the programme. Students must meet the costs of their PVG application (currently £59).
Additional costs	<p>Clinical tunic and badge for wearing to clinical skills sessions (approx. £25)</p> <p>Optometry equipment (retinoscope, ophthalmoscope, volk lens) at an estimated cost of £1500 (the optometry team will provide opportunities for the purchase of discounted equipment directly from suppliers). Equipment optional in years one and two, but compulsory for year three</p> <p>Supplementary items (pen torch, frame ruler, occluder etc) cost approximately £50 and are to be purchased prior to the commencement of clinical skills in semester two, year one.</p>
Optometry Careers	<p>Careers in optometry can be varied. For more information, please refer to the College of Optometrists careers information page</p> <p>https://www.college-optometrists.org/qualifying/a-career-in-optometry.html</p>

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