

# OPTOMETRY

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1. Graduate of accredited school or college of Optometry.
2. Successfully completed at least 110 hours of transcript-quality coursework & clinical training in general & ocular pharmacology at an institution that:
  - ◆ has facilities for both didactic & clinical instructions in pharmacology; and
  - ◆ is accredited by a regional or professional accrediting organization that is recognized and approved by the Commission on Postsecondary Accreditation or the US Department of Education.
3. Completed at least 1 year of supervised experience in differential diagnosis of eye disease or disorders as part of the optometric training or in a clinical setting as part of the optometric experience.
4. Pass the Florida Examination. The Florida licensure examination authorized in Section 463.006(2), F.S., shall consist of the following parts:
  - ◆ Part I - a written examination on applicable Florida laws and rules governing the practice of optometry developed by the Florida Department of Health;
  - ◆ Part II - a practical examination containing a clinical portion and a pharmacology/ocular disease portion developed by the Florida Department of Health;
  - ◆ Part III - the Applied Basic Science portion of the examination developed by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO); and
  - ◆ Part IV - the Clinical Science portion of the examination developed by the NBEO.

**Note:** Passing scores on Part III and Part IV of the Florida licensure examination must be obtained within the 5 year period immediately preceding October 1 of the year that the applicant takes Parts I and II of the Florida licensure examination.