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Dear Dr. Silbering,

Greetings from SUNY Optometry!

Enclosed you will find the signed copy of the *3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Agreement* between CUNY Brooklyn College and SUNY Optometry. The agreement is signed by Dr. David Heath, President.

In addition, you will also find a revised version of the document *2-Step Application Process and Schedule*. On option 2 of the new document, students applying by the end of their freshman or beginning of their sophomore years must still submit SAT or ACT scores, but there is no minimum score required. Although standardized tests will still be an integral part of the admission process, we will review students' files on a case by case basis and students' science and overall undergraduate GPAs will have more weight in the admissions decision.

We are excited to have renewed this agreement and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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THE 3/4 ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

**STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY**

AND

CUNY BROOKLYN COLLEGE

THE 3/4 JOINT DEGREE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

The State University of New York (SUNY) College of Optometry and CUNY Brooklyn College, hereby agree to an articulation agreement in optometric education in which up to six CUNY Brooklyn College students per year may be admitted into a seven year Bachelor of Arts or Science (B.A. or B.S.) and Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) Program. Students accepted to the *3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Agreement Program* shall be admitted to a designated, prescribed major at CUNY Brooklyn College and, through a separate admissions process, shall be admitted to candidacy to the SUNY College of Optometry's professional O.D. program of study.

It is agreed that, students to be considered for this program must be:

- Admitted by CUNY Brooklyn College to a B.A. or B.S. program;
- Admitted to the 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program by SUNY College of Optometry;
 - o The selection of 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation students by SUNY College of Optometry will be based on the following criteria:
 - Submission of an on-line application;
 - Maturity and motivation;
 - An expression of an interest in, and basic understanding of, the optometric profession;
 - If a high school applicant, a minimum of 1300 (at least 670 math and 550 verbal) on the College Scholarship Service Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT) or 29 on the American College Testing Program College Entrance Examination (ACT), and achievement of a minimum of 93 high school grade average on a scale of 100 and placed in the top 10% of their graduating class;
OR
 - If a first or second year CUNY Brooklyn College student, a minimum of an overall 3.3 grade point average and 3.3 grade point average in all science and math pre-requisite undergraduate course work completed at the time of application. All science and math pre-requisite courses must be satisfied with a grade of C or higher. Recommendation from CUNY Brooklyn College's Pre-Health Professions Advisor is required.
- If admitted into the 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program, students must apply for admission to the O.D. program at the beginning of their third year of undergraduate education at CUNY Brooklyn College. Admissions requirements to the O.D. Program and student responsibilities are outlined in section C of this Agreement.

A. CUNY Brooklyn College RESPONSIBILITIES

To satisfy the terms of this agreement, it is agreed that CUNY Brooklyn College shall:

1. Publicize and promote this 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program;
2. Determine the acceptability of applicants into the baccalaureate portion of this 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program;
3. Screen all applicants for the 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program and notify SUNY College of Optometry of applicants meeting the academic requirements;
4. Provide SUNY College of Optometry with all relevant admission material submitted to CUNY Brooklyn College (i.e., SAT scores, High School transcript, letters of recommendation); and/or performance while at CUNY Brooklyn College by the applicant (i.e., academic transcript);
5. Arrange for a representative of SUNY College of Optometry to meet and interview applicants and to meet yearly with students accepted provisionally in the 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program while at CUNY Brooklyn College;
6. Obtain a FERPA Authorization from all students in the 3/4 Articulation Degree Program allowing release of information from the students' education records to SUNY College of Optometry.
7. Provide academic counseling to students while at CUNY Brooklyn College;
8. Notify SUNY College of Optometry of any change in a student's status and/or academic standing while at CUNY Brooklyn College which affects the student's eligibility for the 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program;
9. Provide SUNY College of Optometry with a Pre-Health Advisory Committee letter during the Fall term of the student's third year at CUNY Brooklyn College;
10. Grant the appropriate baccalaureate degree once students complete all remaining requirements for such degree at SUNY College of Optometry.

B. SUNY COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

To further satisfy the terms of this agreement, it is agreed that SUNY College of Optometry shall:

1. Publicize and promote the 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program;
2. Meet, interview, and determine the acceptability of applicants into the optometry portion of the 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program;
3. Monitor the student's progress while at CUNY Brooklyn College;

4. Provide ongoing counsel, advice, and support to students in the program, meeting with students individually at least once yearly while they are studying at CUNY Brooklyn College;
5. Grant an O.D. degree after the student successfully completes all academic requirements at SUNY College of Optometry.

C. **STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The section below outlines the responsibilities that students, themselves, will have to satisfy after being formally accepted into the 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program:

1. Complete all SUNY College of Optometry pre-requisite course work for the professional program with individual grades of C or higher;
2. Complete the CUNY Brooklyn College core requirements;
3. Complete additional course work which can be used, in addition to the above, to place 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program students in their academic program in proper position to complete their CUNY Brooklyn College requirements upon successful completion of their first year of professional study at SUNY College of Optometry;
4. Maintain at least a 3.3 average overall GPA and a 3.3 average GPA in required science and math portions of the undergraduate articulation curriculum; attain total science and academic average scores above 330 on the Optometry Admissions Test (OAT), with no scores below 320; show evidence of community involvement; obtain a positive letter of recommendation from the Pre-Health Professions Advisory Committee of CUNY Brooklyn College; pass reasonable personal interview standards; and submit all required application material through the centralized application system, OptomCAS;
5. Release a transcript of all college courses taken on a yearly basis to SUNY College of Optometry while studying at CUNY Brooklyn College;
6. Meet with an advisor of SUNY College of Optometry at least yearly while in the 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program;
7. Visit at least three different professional optometric offices during the undergraduate years in order to be fully acquainted with the profession of optometry;
8. Satisfactorily complete the first year at SUNY College of Optometry and have a transcript submitted to CUNY Brooklyn College;
9. Meet all academic requirements of SUNY College of Optometry in order to receive the O.D. degree.
10. Meet all the requirements of graduation for CUNY Brooklyn College.

The two primary parties in this *3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program*, CUNY Brooklyn College and SUNY College of Optometry, agree to the terms set forth in this Agreement.

Either party may cancel the Agreement by providing the other party with written notification prior to October 15th of year of the intended cancellation of the Agreement.

All students who are enrolled in the *3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program* at the time of cancellation shall be continued in the *3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program* as long as they meet the terms set forth in this Agreement.

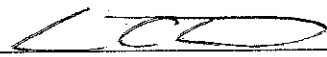
Date: OCT 10, 2012

Signed: 

Print Name: WILLIAM A. TRAMONTANO

Title: PROVOST + SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Date: 3/26/17

Signed: 

Dr. David Heath, President
State University of New York
College of Optometry



Step 1:

Apply to ¾ Program as High School Senior or Undergraduate Sophomore Student

Application process

Option 1. Apply as Senior High School Student

Submit to SUNY Optometry's Office of Student Affairs:

- Application form
- High School transcripts
- SAT/ACT Scores
- One letter of recommendation
- One-page essay on the topic "Why optometry"

Requirements

- Must be accepted into one of the affiliate undergraduate colleges/universities as a freshman
- Must have total SATs of at least 1300 with the Math score of at least 670, or 29 on the ACT.
- Must have a high school grade average of at least 93 out of a 100
- Should be in the upper 10% of their high school class (depending on the reputation of the high school)
- Must have a definite interest in the profession of optometry and have explored it
- Must show evidence of community involvement
- Must have reasonable communication and interpersonal skills
- Must submit to an interview by a SUNY Optometry representative
- Must sign a FERPA Authorization allowing release of education records to SUNY College of Optometry

Option 2. Apply As Undergraduate Sophomore Student

Submit to SUNY Optometry's Office of Student Affairs:

- Application form
- College transcripts (grades for freshman year must be reflected on transcript)
- SAT/ACT Scores
- One letter of recommendation
- One-page essay on the topic "Why optometry"

Requirements

- Must have an overall GPA of at least 3.3
- Must have an overall GPA of at least 3.3 in all math and science prerequisites taken with no individual grade below a C
- Submit SAT or ACT
- Must have a definite interest in the profession of optometry and have explored it
- Must show evidence of community involvement
- Must have reasonable communication and interpersonal skills
- Must submit to an interview by a SUNY Optometry representative
- Must sign a FERPA Authorization allowing release of education records to SUNY College of Optometry

Step 2:

Formally apply to professional O.D. Program

Summer between Sophomore and Junior Years/Early fall of Junior Year

Application process

- Submit the routine application through OptomCAS required of all students between July 1 and October 1. You can access the application on-line through OptomCas, the centralized application system, at www.optomcas.org
- Take the OAT exam no later than December 30 (we recommend that you take the OAT on the summer between your sophomore and junior years after completing all prerequisite science courses). For details on the exam and testing locations, visit <https://www.ada.org/oat/index.html> (have the scores sent directly to SUNY)
- Submit your college transcripts to OptomCAS for verification (Submission information will be provided through OptomCAS. DO NOT send your transcripts to SUNY at this point)
- A recommendation letter compiled by the Pre-Health Professions Committee at your college/university (Submission information will be provided through OptomCAS)
- Once the application has been sent to us, and provided you have met our minimum requirements, we will notify you when to come to the College for a final interview, sometime in the Fall or Winter

Requirements

- Maintain at least a 3.3 overall GPA
- Maintain at least a 3.3 overall GPA in the math and science prerequisites with no individual grade below a C
- OATs: attain Academic Average and Total Science scores of 330 or greater (decision to accept subsection scores below 330 will be made on a case-by-case basis)
- Have submitted the required letters of recommendation (letters must be positive)
- Show evidence of community involvement
- Explore the profession extensively during Summer by visiting several optometric practices so that you are familiar with the profession, its specialties and the scope of optometric practice
- Submit to a final interview at the SUNY College of Optometry during your 3rd undergraduate year
- Meet all the requirements of graduation for the undergraduate college/university attended