

OPTOMETRIST

Optometrists are healthcare professionals who examine eyes for vision problems and other issues. They can provide prescription for glasses and lenses. They are not medical doctors but can prescribe medications for eye related issues. Optometrists generally refer patients to ophthalmologists in serious cases.

PERSONAL COMPETENCIES



- You like to help others
- You are comfortable in communicating with others
- You pay attention to details while working
- You are good with gadgets



The approx. course fee ranges between **INR 12,000 - 2,04,000*** for the full course

**These figures are estimated numbers and will vary from Institute to Institute.*

SCHOLARSHIPS

• National Scholarship Portal - Visit www.scholarships.gov.in. Under this portal there are Central Government schemes, UGC/AICTE Schemes and Assam Government Schemes offered by different departments*

• Visit www.buddy4study.com for details on available scholarships. This is a gateway to scholarships starting from Class XI*

• Scholarships are also available in the Institutes based on merit*

*(Availability of these scholarships can vary from time to time)

LOANS

• VidyaLakshmi, www.vidyalakshmi.co.in, is a portal for students seeking education loan. This portal has been developed under the guidance of the Department of Financial Services, (Ministry of Finance), Department of Higher Education (Ministry of Human Resource Development) and Indian Banks Association (IBA).

• Some states have student credit cards with low interest rates, for instance, West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, etc.

• All banks give education loans.



ENTRY PATHWAY

1. Complete 10+2 in the Science stream (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)
 2. Complete a Bachelor's degree (B.Optom/ B.Sc.) in Optometry
- OR
- Complete a Bachelor's degree followed by a Master's degree (M.Optom/M.Sc.) in the same field

Please check the duration of the course during enrolment



EXPECTED INCOME

**The figures are indicative & subject to change*

The approx. salary of an Optometrist ranges between **INR 12,167 - 52,000*** month

Source - <https://www.payscale.com/research/IN/Job=Optometrist/Salary>

WHERE WILL YOU WORK?

Places of Work: You can work in Eye Hospitals, Eye Clinics and Glasses and Lens stores.

Entrepreneurship: Optometrists can also set up private practises.

Work Environment: If you work in a clinic, the timings are 6 to 7 days a week for 8 to 9 hours per day. Shift system might be available.

Opportunities for work exist for differently abled in this field

EXPECTED GROWTH PATH

Junior Optometrist → Optometrist → Senior Optometrist

Search keywords...



optician, optometrist, optometry

WHERE WILL YOU STUDY?

The course is offered by the Department of Optometry. This list of institutes is indicative only.

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

1. All India Institute of Medical Sciences New Delhi
2. Regional Institute of Ophthalmology, GMCH, Guwahati
3. Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur
4. Government Medical College and Hospital, Chandigarh
5. Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna
6. Uttar Pradesh University of Medical Sciences, Saifai
7. Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical University, Lucknow
8. Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University, New Delhi

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

(Please check if the institute is affiliated and accredited with UGC and OCI before applying)

1. CMJ University, Ri-Bhoi, Meghalaya
2. Sri Sankaradeva Nethralaya, Guwahati
3. Kaziranga University, Jorhat
4. Galgotias University, Greater Noida
5. Institute of Management Study, Kolkata
6. Assam Down Town University, Guwahati
7. Manipal College of Health Professions, Manipal
8. Maharishi Markandeshwar Deemed to be University, Haryana

Information on Institute rankings is available at - <https://www.nirfindia.org/2022/Ranking.html>

DISTANCE LEARNING INSTITUTE

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)

ONLINE COURSES

Udemy - <https://www.udemy.com/course/diploma-in-optometry/>

EXAMPLE FROM THE FIELD

Jameel H Rizwana is the president Optometric Association of Tamil Nanbargal (OATN). She was also a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry. She has completed her M.Phil and Ph.D in optometry and has become the first Indian to be awarded the prestigious Fellowship from the College of Optometrists in Vision Development (FCOVD), USA. She is now the head of the Rivoli Vision Academy.*

Source - <https://www.oepf.org/oepf-course/non-strabismic-binocular-vision-anomalies-with-dr-jameel-rizwana-hussaind/>

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