

## Optometry

University of the Highlands and Islands

### Venues

Centre for Health Sciences  
Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

### Content

There is growing demand for optometrists, highly skilled healthcare professionals, trained to examine the eyes to detect defects in vision, signs of injury, ocular diseases or abnormalities. Through this innovative, interactive degree, you'll develop the knowledge and skills you need to work as an optometrist and, importantly, continually adapt to the challenges faced in delivering eye-care provision in today's health care environment.

This progressive programme challenges the way optometry has been traditionally taught in the UK by following a proven, problem-based and team-based approach to your learning and teaching. Through this method, you will gain in-depth theoretical knowledge, practical experience and develop required skills, including critical thinking, problem solving and patient management, from an early stage.

As well as practical experience within clinical workshops delivered in purpose-built facilities in Inverness and Elgin, you will also be immersed in genuine clinical situations, which allow you to work with employers and gain valuable experience in a safe and supported environment.

From year one, you will undertake a combination of placements in community practice and hospital eye clinics, alongside clinical skills training. Over the duration of the course you will be out on placements for 19 weeks in total culminating in an extended placement in your fourth year. You will be seeing real-life patients in real-life settings, which will be vital for your future practice. On successful completion of this degree programme you will be equipped with both the academic and practical skills needed to enter the College of Optometrists Scheme for Registration<sup>1</sup> as a pre-registration optometrist.

### Start Date

September

### Qualification

Degree

### Study Method

Full time

### Award Title

BSc Hons

## UCAS Code

B510

## Course Length

4 years

## Department

Health and Wellbeing

## Entry Requirements

4 Highers at ABBB including two from Maths, Biology (or Human Biology), Chemistry and Physics and preferably English or another English based subject plus English and Maths or Applications of Maths at National 5 at B (if not held at Higher).

You will attend for interview and must be passed fit by occupational health. You would be required to obtain student membership of the General Optics Council before commencing course.

You would require a satisfactory PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) check to show you are suitable for this type of course. Contact Disclosure Scotland for details.

## Progression Routes

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## Combination Courses

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