Bachelor of Applied Science (Optometry) (For continuing and advanced standing students only) (OP42)

Year offered: 2011
Admissions: No
CRICOS code: 009031J
Course duration (full-time): 4 Years
Domestic Fees (indicative): 2011: CSP $3,878 per semester (indicative)
International Fees (indicative): 2011: $12,125 (indicative) per semester
Domestic Entry: Course replaced by OP45
International Entry: Course replaced by OP45
QTAC code: Course replaced by 425312 (OP45)
Past rank cut-off: 98* Second order selection ranks were used to select applicants from within the rank cut-off band
Past OP cut-off: 2* Field positions were used to select applicants from within the OP cut-off band
Assumed knowledge: English (4, SA), Maths B (4, SA), Chemistry (4, SA), and Physics (4, SA)
Preparatory studies: For information on acquiring assumed knowledge visit http://www.qut.edu.au/assumed-knowledge
Total credit points: 384
Standard credit points per full-time semester: 48
Course coordinator: Enquiries to optometry.enquiries@qut.edu.au or phone: 07 3138 3368
Campus: Kelvin Grove

Overview

NOTE: This course is being replaced by the dual award program, Bachelor of Vision Science (OP45) / Master of Optometry (OP85). No new first year admissions were accepted into OP42 from 2009; however student with advanced standing may be considered for admission third year.

Optometrists examine people's eyes to protect and improve their vision and to detect and diagnose eye disease. As an optometrist, you will work with a range of complex instruments and techniques to test vision for defects such as short-sightedness, long-sightedness and astigmatism. Optometrists use their clinical judgement to treat patients in a variety of ways, including eye exercises, contact lenses, spectacles or advice on lighting and visual habits.

Professional Recognition

Boards of Optometrical Registration regulate the practice of optometry in Australia. QUT graduates are eligible to apply to the Optometrists' Board of Queensland for registration to practise as optometrists in Queensland and all states and territories of Australia.

Honours

A degree with honours may be awarded to students who have recorded outstanding achievement in the four-year program.

Other course requirements

blue card As required by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act (2000), students must undergo a criminal history check and be issued with a Blue Card before commencing clinical practice/field experience/practicum in an organisation where they may work with children or young people. For more information, visit http://student.qut.edu.au/studying/jobs-and-work-experience/work-experience-and-placements/blue-cards.

additional costs Ophthalmic instruments costing approximately $5000 are required for the clinical program from the beginning of the second and third years of the course. Academic staff provide advice regarding the purchase of these instruments. You will also be required to undertake first aid certification before entering the clinical program.

Limits on grades of 3

A new policy concerning grades of 3 came into effect from 1 January 2009 (QUT MOPP C/5.2). With effect from this date grades of 3 are no longer considered a conceded or low pass but are classified as a fail grade. Any grades of 3 incurred in units that commence after 1 January 2009 will not count towards your degree. Further information is available on the Student Services website.

Further Information

For information about this course, please call the Public Health and Optometry Student Centre on +61 7 3138 3368 or email optometry.enquiries@qut.edu.au

Course structure

Year 1 of the course will not be offered from 2009
Year 2 of the course will not be offered from 2010
Year 3 of the course will not be offered from 2011
UNIT SYNOPSES

OPB750 TOPICS IN OPTOMETRY 7
Students are required to choose a research topic, conduct a literature search on this topic, develop experimental hypothesis, plan and undertake a research project. Students give oral presentations of their own research project. Presentations on advanced clinical care and decision making skills include lecture and tutorial presentations and case summaries.
Prerequisites: OPB653 Credit points: 12 Contact hours: 4 per week Campus: Kelvin Grove Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1

OPB751 ADVANCED OPTOMETRY 7
This unit provides students with a thorough knowledge of more specialised areas of patient management including patients with low vision and paediatric patients.
Prerequisites: OPB653 Credit points: 12 Contact hours: 4 per week Campus: Kelvin Grove Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1

OPB752 CLINICAL PRACTICE 7
This unit enables students to apply knowledge and skills gained in third year to patients presenting for eye examinations, and to make decisions in effective patient management. [Designated unit]
Prerequisites: OPB650, OPB651, and OPB653 Credit points: 12 Contact hours: 8 per week Campus: Kelvin Grove Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SUM-1

OPB753 SPECIALIST CLINICAL PRACTICE 7
This unit enables students to apply specialist clinical knowledge in the management of patients requiring contact lenses, vision training and low vision care. [Designated unit]
Prerequisites: OPB650, OPB651, and OPB653 Credit points: 12 Contact hours: 8 per week Campus: Kelvin Grove Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SUM-1

OPB850 TOPICS IN OPTOMETRY 8
Students are required to analyse the results of their chosen research project and write a full report in manuscript form. Oral presentations of the project are given to their peers. Presentations on advanced clinical care and decision making skills include lecture and tutorial presentations and case summaries.
Prerequisites: OPB750 Credit points: 12 Contact hours: 4 per week Campus: Kelvin Grove Teaching period: 2011 SEM-2

OPB851 ADVANCED OPTOMETRY 8
This unit includes optometry’s role in health care; professional and ethical behaviour; relevant state and federal Acts; professional associations; types of practice; optometric practice and the law. The unit introduces the basic concepts of eye safety and visual ergonomics.
Prerequisites: OPB751 Credit points: 12 Contact hours: 4 per week Campus: Kelvin Grove Teaching period: 2011 SEM-2

OPB852 CLINICAL PRACTICE 8
This unit enables students to consolidate skills developed in OPB752, to increase their knowledge base and achieve surety with decision making involving the management of patients’ eye and vision problems. [Designated unit]
Prerequisites: OPB751, OPB752, and OPB753 Credit points: 12 Contact hours: 8 per week Campus: Kelvin Grove Teaching period: 2011 SEM-2

OPB853 SPECIALIST CLINICAL PRACTICE 8
This unit continues to consolidate skills developed in OPB753 in the specialised clinical areas of contact lenses, low vision management and paediatric optometry. [Designated unit]
Prerequisites: OPB751, OPB752, and OPB753 Credit points: 12 Contact hours: 8 per week Campus: Kelvin Grove Teaching period: 2011 SEM-2