

Dual Acceptance Program

Dual Acceptance Programs with Selected Affiliated Universities

The Dual Acceptance Program (DAP) is an early acceptance program for selected students who successfully complete the specified pre-optometry coursework. The Dual Acceptance Programs are currently in effect with Benedictine University, DePaul University, Elmhurst University, Lake Forest College, Lewis University, and Arizona Christian University.

Online Application

Benefits of the DAP:

- Provides for an excellent foundation in pre-optometry education.
- Sets out a clear road map for which courses to take and when.
- Exempts the student from the Optometry Admissions Test (OAT) and associated fees.
- Exempts the student from the OptomCAS application process and associated fees.
- Guarantees entry to MWU CCO well in advance with successful completion of all program requirements.

To receive consideration for the Dual Acceptance Program with Benedictine University, DePaul University, Elmhurst University, Lake Forest College, or Lewis University, one must meet the following eligibility requirements:

Track 1:

This track is available to high school students who apply by March 1 of senior year of high school. To receive consideration for the Dual Acceptance Program, Track 1, students must meet the following requirements:

- Earn admission to the undergraduate institution as a first-year student.
- Must obtain a minimum score of 26 (ACT) or 1250 (SAT) on a College Entrance Exam.
- Obtain a minimum high school GPA of 3.20/4.00.
- Demonstrate a people or service orientation through community service or extracurricular activities.
- Demonstrate commitment to the optometry profession as demonstrated by previous work, volunteer, or other life experiences.
- Possess the oral and written communication skills necessary to interact with patients and colleagues.

Track 2:

This track is available to students who have recently enrolled at their undergraduate institution. To receive consideration for the Dual Acceptance Program, Track 2, students must meet the following requirements:

- Must be completing spring term coursework, and must have not been enrolled in any other post-secondary institution.

- Minimum undergraduate overall and science GPA of 3.40/4.00.
- Must have obtained a minimum score of 26 (ACT) or 1250 (SAT) on a College Entrance Exam.
- Demonstrate a people or service orientation through community service or extracurricular activities.
- Demonstrate commitment to the optometry profession as demonstrated by previous work, volunteer, or other life experiences.
- Possess the oral and written communication skills necessary to interact with patients and colleagues

After the Midwestern University Office of Admissions receives all completed application materials, applicant files are reviewed to determine whether applicants merit invitations for an interview. Qualified applicants must complete an on-campus or video teleconference (for out of state students) interview at CCO.

Following the interview, their completed application is forwarded to the CCO Admissions Committee for review. The committee may recommend to accept or to deny applicants for admission. These recommendations are then forwarded to the Dean for final approval. The Dean-via the Office of Admissions-notifies applicants within two to four weeks of the interview. Accepted applicants will be ensured a seat at CCO upon successful completion of the program requirements:

1. All prerequisite pre-optometry courses must be completed at the enrolled institution (See below). AP credits that are listed on the transcript are acceptable for meeting the prerequisites.
2. Track 1 students will have up to four years to complete all pre-optometry coursework at the enrolled institution, and earn a baccalaureate degree. Track 2 students will have up to three years to complete all pre-optometry coursework at the enrolled institution, and earn a baccalaureate degree.
 - Authorization to extend an undergraduate degree beyond 4 years is at the discretion of the Dean, CCO. Requests must be submitted to the CCO office of the Dean; decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.
3. A minimum overall GPA of 3.40 on a 4.00 scale must be attained.
4. A minimum science GPA of 3.40 on a 4.00 scale must be attained.
5. Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all required courses.
6. Students are not permitted to repeat courses for a higher grade for which credit has already been received.
7. Students are not permitted to withdraw from more than 2 courses during the 4-year undergraduate program.
 - Authorization to withdraw from more than 2 courses is at the discretion of the Dean, CCO. Requests must be submitted to the CCO office of the Dean; decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.
8. Accepted students are required to sign a letter of understanding with CCO upon acceptance. Accepted students will submit a deposit fee to CCO at least 1 year prior to matriculation at CCO. All fees are applied toward the student's first quarter tuition at CCO.

Students who are not accepted to or fail to complete the Dual Acceptance Program may apply to CCO using the standard procedures.

To receive consideration for the Dual Acceptance Program with Arizona Christian University, high school senior students must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Earn admission to Arizona Christian University.
2. Apply online to the CCO Dual Acceptance Program as a high school senior.
3. Obtain a minimum score of 28 on the ACT or 1250 on the SAT.
4. Demonstrate a people or service orientation through community service or extracurricular activities.
5. Demonstrate motivation for and commitment to the optometry profession as demonstrated by previous work, volunteer, or other life experiences.
6. Possess the oral and written communication skills necessary to interact with patients and colleagues.

After the Midwestern University Office of Admissions receives all completed application materials, applicant files are reviewed to determine whether applicants merit invitations for an interview. Qualified applicants must complete an on-campus or video teleconference (for out of state students) interview at CCO.

Following the interview, the completed application is forwarded to the CCO Admissions Committee for review. The committee may recommend to accept or to deny applicants for admission. These recommendations are then forwarded to the Dean for final approval. The Dean-via the Office of Admissions-notifies applicants of their status within two to four weeks of their visits. Accepted applicants will be ensured a seat at CCO upon successful completion of the program requirements:

1. All prerequisite pre-optometry courses must be completed at Arizona Christian University prior to matriculation to CCO. Official AP and dual-enrollment credits completed during high school, and that are listed on the affiliated university's transcript as equivalent courses, are acceptable for meeting the prerequisites.
2. Complete the baccalaureate degree at Arizona Christian University within 4 years
 - Authorization to extend an undergraduate degree beyond 4 years is at the discretion of the Dean, CCO. Requests must be submitted to the CCO office of the Dean; decisions will be made on a case by case basis.
3. A minimum overall GPA of 3.40 on a 4.00 scale must be attained.
4. A minimum science GPA of 3.40 on a 4.00 scale must be attained.
5. Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all required courses. A grade of "C-" or lower is not acceptable.
6. Students are not permitted to withdraw from more than 2 courses during the 4-year undergraduate program.
 - Authorization to withdraw from more than 2 courses is at the discretion of the Dean, CCO. Requests must be submitted to the CCO office of the Dean; decisions will be made on a case by case basis.
7. Students are not permitted to repeat courses for a higher grade for which credit has already been received.
8. Accepted students are required to sign a letter of understanding upon acceptance. Accepted students will submit a deposit fee within 1 year prior to matriculation. All fees are applied toward the student's first quarter tuition.

Students who are not accepted to or fail to complete the Dual Acceptance Program may apply to CCO using the standard procedures.

Students enrolled at Benedictine University must successfully complete the following courses listed below with a grade of "C" or higher:

Requirement	Undergraduate Course	Minimum Semester Hours
Biology with lab	BIOL 1195, 1197, 1198, 1199	8 hrs.
General/Inorganic Chemistry with labs	CHEM 1113, 1114, 1123, 1124	8 hrs.
Organic Chemistry with lab	CHEM 2242, 2243	4 hrs.
Physics	PHYS 1113, 1114, 1118, 1119	8 hrs.
Calculus	MATH 2210	4 hrs.
Microbiology	BIOL 3208	4 hrs.
Statistics	BIOL 2229 or MATH 1150 or PSYC 2250	3 hrs.
Psychology	PSYC 1100	3 hrs.
English Composition	WRIT 1101, 1102	6 hrs.
<i>Total Hours</i>		48 hrs.

Students enrolled at DePaul University must successfully complete the following courses listed below with a grade of "C" or higher:

Requirement	Undergraduate Course	Minimum Quarter Hours
Biology with lab	BIO 191,192,193	12 hrs.
General/Inorganic Chemistry with labs	CHE 130,131,132,133,134, and 135	12 hrs.
Organic Chemistry with lab	CHE 230,231,232,233,234, and 235	6 hrs.
Physics	PHY 150, 151, 152	9 hrs.
Calculus	MATH 147 or MATH 150	4 hrs.
Microbiology	BIO 210	4 hrs.
Statistics	Multiple options available	4 hrs.
Psychology	Multiple options available	4 hrs.
English Composition	WRD 103, 104	9 hrs.
<i>Total Hours</i>		64 hrs.

Students enrolled at Elmhurst University must successfully complete the following courses listed below with a grade of "C" or higher:

Requirement	Undergraduate Course	Minimum Semester Hours
Biology with lab	BIO 200, 201	8 hrs.
General/Inorganic Chemistry with labs	CHM 211, 212	8 hrs.
Organic Chemistry with lab	CHM 311	4 hrs.
Physics	PHY 121 or 111, 122 or 112	6 hrs.
Calculus	MTH 151	3 hrs.
Microbiology	BIO 221 or 321	3 hrs.
Statistics	MTH 345 or 346, or PSY 355	3 hrs.
Psychology	Any Psychology course (other than PSY 355)	3 hrs.
English Composition	ENG 105, 106	6 hrs.
<i>Total Hours</i>		44 hrs.

Students enrolled at Lake Forest College must successfully complete the following courses listed below with a grade of "C" or higher:

Requirement	Undergraduate Course	Minimum Semester Hours
Biology with lab	BIOL 120 and BIOL 221	8 hrs.
General/Inorganic Chemistry with labs	CHEM 115 and CHEM 116	8 hrs.
Organic Chemistry with lab	CHEM 220 and CHEM 221	4 hrs.
Physics	PHYS 110 and PHYS 111	6 hrs.
Calculus	MATH 110 Future 2xx	3 hrs.
Microbiology	Microbiology or BIOL 323	3 hrs.
Statistics	MATH 150 or PSYC 221 or other Statistics course	3 hrs.
Psychology	PSYC 110	3 hrs.
English Composition	Two English or HIPP SHIP writing (FFC:W) courses	6 hrs.
<i>Total Hours</i>		44 hrs.

Students enrolled at Lewis University must successfully complete the following courses listed below with a grade of "C" or higher:

Requirement	Undergraduate Course	Minimum Semester Hours
Biology with lab	BIOL 11000/11100; BIOL 11500/11600	8 hrs.
General/Inorganic Chemistry with labs	CHEM 11000/11100; CHEM 11500/11600	8 hrs.
Organic Chemistry with lab	CHEM 22000/22100	4 hrs.
Physics	PHYS 20000/20100; PHYS 20500/20600	6 hrs.
Calculus	MATH 20000 or MATH 21100	3 hrs.
Microbiology	BIOL 22400/22600	3 hrs.
Statistics	BIOL 32000	3 hrs.
Psychology	PSYC 10000	3 hrs.
English Composition	ENGL 11100 and ENGL 11200	6 hrs.
<i>Total Hours</i>		44 hrs.