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**OAT – Optometry Admission Test**

**Pre-Professional Advising Center**

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\**This guide is intended to summarize key information about the test. Students MUST consult* [**www.ada.org/oat/index.html**](http://www.ada.org/oat/index.html) *for more detailed instructions and information.*

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| **Section** | **# Questions** | **# Minutes** | **Score** | **Topics Covered** |
| Optional Tutorial |  | 15 |  |  |
| Survey of Natural Sciences | 100 | 90 | 200-400 | Biology, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry |
| Reading Comprehension | 40 | 60 | 200-400 | Three reading passages |
| Scheduled break (optional) |  | 15 |  |  |
| Physics Test | 40 | 50 | 200-400 | Physics |
| Quantitative Reasoning | 40 | 45 | 200-400 | Algebra, Numeric calculations, Probability & Statistics, Geometry, Trigonometry, & Applied Mathematics (word) problems |
| Optional Post Test Survey |  | 15 |  |  |

**Important Information:**

* Required by ALL optometry schools.
* Computer-Based Testing – Exam offered year-round at Prometric Test Centers.
* $390 fee – Covers the cost of sending scores to 5 optometry schools. $35 additional fee applies for each additional score report.
* NO penalty for guessing.
* Test score average for accepted students is 331.
* Unofficial test score report and explanation received immediately upon completion of OAT. No other score report will be sent to the examinee. Official scores will be released to schools approximately three weeks after test date.
* No limits on retaking the test, however examinees must wait 90 days between testing attempts.

**Resources:**

* PPAC Resource Library has a variety of preparation and reference materials available for loan.
* UC Learning Assistance.: <http://www.uc.edu/aess/lac/resource.html> (test strategies, note taking, test anxiety)
* Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry: [www.opted.org](http://www.opted.org)
* American Optometric Association: [www.aoa.org](http://www.aoa.org)
* Optometry Centralized Application Service (OptomCAS): <//portal.optomcas.org>
* Test preparation – Educate yourself by investigating all options thoroughly prior to committing. This is not an exhaustive list and PPAC does not endorse any test preparation company.
  + Kaplan: [www.kaplan.com](http://www.kaplan.com)
  + Princeton Review: [www.review.com](http://www.review.com)
  + Examkrackers: [www.examkrackers.com](http://www.examkrackers.com)

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