

CENTER FOR EYE CARE COMPLIMENTARY EXAMINATION POLICIES

1. Pre-clinic examination

- a. All first year optometry students will be required to have a comprehensive eye examination in their first semester of school at no cost. Charges for glasses and contact lenses and additional procedures or services resulting from this examination will be at the usual and customary rates.
- b. In the event that there are fewer first year optometry students than second year students, additional patients will be recruited from among faculty, staff or students.

Justification: These students will serve as patients for students taking the pre-clinic practical examination used to establish initial clinical privileges for second year optometry students. The data collected is essential to establish baselines in which to grade student performance.

2. National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) examinations

- a. Individuals recruited to participate as patients for the NBEO examination will receive a complimentary eye examination. Charges for glasses and contact lenses and additional procedures or services resulting from this examination will be at the usual and customary rates.

Justification: As a testing site of the NBEO, we are required to supply test patients for candidates taking Part II of the NBEO, which is required for initial licensure to practice optometry. The data collected is essential to establish baselines in which to grade candidate performance.

3. Contact Lens Service requirements

- a. Third year students enrolled in Contact Lens Specialty Clinic in the winter semester will be required to perform:
 1. 2 RGP fits
 2. 2 Soft fits
 3. 2 Specialty fits (Bifocal, Toric, Ortho-K, Keratoconus, or Post-Surgical)

b. Fourth year students enrolled in Contact Lens Patient Care during a UM-St. Louis externship rotation will be required to perform:

1. 2 RGP fits
2. 2 Soft fits
3. 4 Specialty fits (Bifocal, Toric, Ortho-K, Keratoconus, or Post-Surgical)

To fulfill these requirements, optometry students will be permitted to offer waiver of the contact lens fitting fee to recruit patients, including fellow optometry students. Students will have to purchase the lenses at the usual and customary fees, get the lenses from the company themselves or use the approved Vistakon sampling program. Patients will have to purchase the lenses at the usual and customary fees.

Justification: To ensure that optometry students receive sufficient practice experience with these contact lens types.

4. Pediatrics / Binocular Vision Service requirements

a. Third year students enrolled in Pediatrics / Binocular Vision Specialty Clinic in the winter semester will be required to perform:

1. 3 pediatric primary care examinations
2. 3 binocular vision / sensory motor evaluations
3. 3 orthoptic / vision therapy sessions

b. Fourth year students enrolled in Pediatrics / Binocular Vision Patient Care during a UM-St. Louis externship rotation will be required to perform:

1. 6 pediatric primary care examinations
2. 4 binocular vision / sensory motor evaluations
3. 6 orthoptic / vision therapy sessions

To fulfill these requirements, optometry students will be permitted to offer waiver of the examination fees to recruit patients, including fellow optometry students. Patients will have to purchase all other services and materials at the usual and customary fees.

Justification: To ensure that optometry students receive sufficient practice experience with these patient types.

5. Research subject examinations

a. Individuals recruited to participate as subjects for research studies can receive a complimentary eye examination. Charges for glasses and contact lenses and additional procedures or services resulting from this examination will be at the usual and customary rates.

Justification: As a subject recruitment tool and to gather baseline vision data for the research study.