

In order for an optometry student from another school or College of Optometry to be considered for transfer or admission after dismissal, or withdrawal from another optometry program the following conditions must be met*:

****BEFORE PROCEEDING INDIVIDUALS SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES****

- The satisfactory completion of at least one year of course work from a school or college of optometry accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education Association.
- Students should have at minimum a cumulative 2.5 GPA at your current institution before being considered
- Submission of all official undergraduate and post-baccalaureate transcripts to UMSL.
- Release OAT scores to UMSL College of Optometry.
- Statement detailing reason for transfer, dismissal, or withdrawal and any other information regarding you and your academic performance.
- Letter from the dean of the former/current optometry school stating that you are in good academic standing.
- Completion of the UMSL application with appropriate application fees. Potential applicants should not complete this step until directed to do so by the Office of Student Services.

All students interested in applying for transfer, readmission into an optometry program following a withdrawal or dismissal from another optometry program are encouraged to contact the Office of Student Services before taking additional steps.

Due to limited class size and the differences in curriculum between institutions, transfer, dismissed or students who have withdrawn from another optometry program are generally discouraged to apply to UMSL. However,

transfers, withdrawals, or dismissals are considered on an individual basis and depend on current class size, compatibility between the curriculum of the two colleges and the reason for the transfer request or reasonings around the dismissal or withdrawal from another program.

Generally, due to differences in course sequences between optometric programs, transfers result in an extension of the professional educational program beyond the minimum of four years.

Students who have been dismissed or withdrew from a optometry program and are offered readmission will be required to reapply through OptomCAS and must follow normal protocol for consideration. Students who have been dismissed or withdrew due to grade performance and who are not eligible for readmission at the prior institution are generally not considered for admission. Students who fail to show transcripts on OptomCAS from the prior institutions will not be considered.*

*Additional requirements may be required by the admissions committee.

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