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Spring & Sports Sports Vision



Picture from: https://hbvision.net/services/sports-vision-

Vision is much more than just seeing 20/20. In our Sports Vision Clinic, our goal is to enhance all visual abilities in order to maximize athletic performance. Athletes are required to see small details, make lightning-fast judgments, and then react accordingly. No matter if you are working to steady your

gaze on a basketball rim, judge whether a pitch is a ball or a strike, or to determine where a hockey puck is going to enter the net, we work to help you see clearer and react faster. We offer personalized evaluations at our clinic in Downers Grove as well as onsite screenings for an entire team.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Our specially trained optometrists and students will perform an in-depth evaluation of visual abilities far beyond what is done at a typical eye examination. Our assessments employ state of the art technology and include evaluations of accurate eye movement, tracking ability, reaction time, 3D vision, and eye-hand coordination. These assessments are designed to identify two major categories. First, we will find any visual abilities that may be deficient. Second, we will highlight any abilities that are not deficient, but can be enhanced beyond average performance. Our team will present all findings and discuss a personalized training plan to address and improve all abilities. If training is recommended, 45 minute weekly sessions will be scheduled.

https://www.mwuclinics.com/illinois/services/specialty/eye/sports-vision

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Tomorrow's Healthcare Team

CCO 2ND ANNUAL CAREER FAIR

Chicago College of Optometry

2nd Annual Career Fair

CCO is pleased to announce its 2nd Annual Career Fair on Friday, April 19, 2024, from 3:00-6:00pm CT.

Our Career Fair has two main goals:

- 1. For our students to hear from guest speakers regarding practice management.
- 2. For our students to have access to a job & networking fair that includes guests looking to promote their practice, company, and/or career opportunities.

Our college has approximately 240 optometry students, and the Career Fair will be mandatory for the third-year optometry students to attend (there will be an open invite for our first- and second-year students, as well as any fourth-year students nearby on rotations). A tentative schedule is below:

Career Fair: Friday, April 19, 2024

| 3:00-3:15pm | Registration |
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| 3:15-4:00pm | Guest Speaker #1 |
| 4:00-4:30pm | Sponsor Exhibits & Job/Networking Fair (light hors d'oeuvres) |
| 4:30-5:15pm | Guest Speaker #2 |
| 5:15-6:00pm | Sponsor Exhibits & Job/Networking Fair |



The event will take place on the academic campus at 555 31st Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515. A classroom will be reserved for our guest speakers, but the job and networking fair will take place outside the classroom in an open space set up with tables.

If interested, please fill out the following form, and we can reach out to you with additional details: https://
forms.office.com/r/uswKqKxHpU. Proceeds from the Career Fair will benefit CCO's scholarship fund to attract and retain the best and brightest students who will become outstanding leaders of the profession.

WELCOME NEW CCO EMPLOYEES



Jenny G. Lau O.D., Faculty Clinical Instructor

Dr. Lau received her Bachelor's degree from Vision Science at Illinois College of Optometry. She completed her residency in Ocular Disease/Family Practice at Northeastern State University's Oklaho-

ma College of Optometry. Prior to joining Midwestern University, Dr. Lau was an Optometrist at Mayo Clinic Health Systems for 3.5 years, where she practiced primary care, advanced ocular disease and started the Dry Eye Clinic. She joined Midwestern University in July 2023 and will be working in the clinic as well as teaching courses on campus. Dr. Lau's area of

ic, as well as teaching courses on campus. Dr. Lau's area of expertise is Family Practice and Ocular Disease. During her spare time, Dr. Lau enjoys meditation, art, food, travel and going to the gym.

Charles Faron, O.D., Adjunct Clinical Instructor

Dr. Faron grew up in Chicago, IL. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and then graduated from Illinois College of Optometry. He completed a residency in hospital based optometry at North Chicago Veterans' Administration Hospital. After completing his residency, Dr. Faron was an attending at the Illinois Eye Institute. For the past twenty-four years he worked in a cornea/external disease practice. In addition to his clinical duties, Dr. Faron trained students from the Illinois College of Optometry and Chicago College of Optometry. Dr. Faron has lectured locally and nationally on topics including corneal disease, contact lenses, and post-operative surgical care. He is a member of the Illinois and American Optometric Associations and a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry. During his spare time he enjoys being with family and playing blues harmonica.



PRECEPTOR CORNER: WORKING WITH MWU CCO

Are you interested in becoming a preceptor for Midwestern University's Chicago College of Optometry?

By becoming one of our preceptors, you get a chance to make an impact in our students' by giving them the knowledge they need not only to make a living as an optometrist, but to also love the life they have built as a clinician in the field. This would be a chance to shape the future of our optometric clinicians as well as build your own network of potential associates.

Additionally, you also have access to the following benefits:

- Appointment as clinical adjunct
- Access to Midwestern University's library resources and journals
- Priority invitation/registration to any upcoming CE events/ programs
- Access to most campus facilities

Here are the requirements?

To be a part of our healthcare team as one of our preceptors, you need to meet the following:

- Must possess either documented advanced training (residency or fellowship training), comparable clinical experience (3-5 years), or other verifiable expertise in their area of practice. Evidence of expertise may include publications, presentations, Fellowship/ Diplomate status in the American Academy of Optometry's corresponding section, or other credentials.
- Proof of liability insurance and documentation of no adverse actions against licensure of the primary and secondary faculty are mandatory.
- Must maintain appropriate instrumentation and possess sufficient patient volume and diversity to offer a quality clinical experience; to be ensured by Assistant Director of Rotations.
- Internet access is necessary.
- Qualify through our vetting process done by our Assistant Director of Rotations

If you are interested, please visit the site below and or contact Daniel Deligio, OD, FAAO, FSLS, Assistant Director of Rotations, ddelig@midwestern.edu

Shannen Hamlin, Clinical Education Coordinator, shamli@midwestern.edu

https://www.midwestern.edu/academics/degrees-and-programs/doctor-of-optometry-il/prospective-preceptors

AFFORDABLE AND DESIGNER FRAMES AND SUNGLASSES



The Optical at the Midwestern University Eye Institute offers affordable and designer frames and sunglasses for all ages. Our experienced, board certified opticians provide personalized service in the selection of eyewear to maximize your individual vision needs.

We offer the most current technologies including thinner, lightweight materials. We also offer the latest technology lens treatments such as Crizal anti-reflective coating, blue light and ultra-violet light protection, Transitions, and glare-reducing polarized sun lenses. Specialty sports

frames, occupational safety frames, and computer glasses are also available for every member of an active family. We accept most major insurance carriers as well as various Medicaid plans.

Inquire with our opticians or submit an online request through the virtual frames link for further interests in your selection. While the Midwestern University Optical is convenient for our clinic patients, we will also fill prescriptions written by other eye doctors and provide glasses adjustments and repairs.

We take pride in providing friendly, sincere, expert advice to find you the best pair of glasses. Midwestern University's Optical is the one-stop option for all of your eyewear needs!



Calendar of Eye/Vision Awareness

(AOA Eye Care Calendar & Events)

March: Save Your Vision Month/ Workplace Eye Awareness Month

April: Sports Eye Safety Month/ Women Eye Health & Safety Month

May: Healthy Vision Month/ Blind Awareness Month

KEEP IN TOUCH

We would love to hear about any updates on you and your site!

Presented a poster or lecture at a conference? Providing new services at your site? Earned a fellowship or diplomate status? Let us know. You may be featured in one of our upcoming newsletters.

You may contact the Assistant Director of Rotations, Dr. Daniel Deligio, at ddelig@midwestern.edu or 630-743-4853, or Clinical Education Coordinator, Shannen Hamlin, at shamli@midwestern.edu or 630-743-4812.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AT CCO?





IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS:

Last Day of the Spring Quarter May 17, 2024
Submit Final Grades May 17, 2024

Last Day of the Spring Quarter May 17, 2024

Start of Summer Quarter

June 3, 2024

Events

Spring Designer Eye Wear Show April 4, 2024

CCO Commencement Ceremony May 22, 2024

INTERESTED IN CE EVENTS AND OTHER OPTOMETRY RESOURCES?

Visit our **CCO Preceptor Resources** page at https://www.midwestern.edu//academics/degrees-and-programs/doctor-of-optometry-il/current-preceptors.xml