Mandatory Professional Licensure Disclosure

July 1, 2020

In compliance with Federal Regulations, 34 CFR §668.43 (2019 Rule), and State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA) Manual version 19.2, the Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum University provides the following disclosure related to the educational requirements for professional licensure in Optometry.

This disclosure is strictly limited to the College’s determination of whether its Doctor of Optometry (OD) educational program, if successfully completed, would be sufficient to meet the educational licensure requirements in a state for the practice of Optometry.[1] The College cannot provide verification of an individual’s ability to meet licensure or certification requirements unrelated to its educational programming. Such individual determinations are made by state licensing boards, and are fact specific determinations.

This disclosure does not provide any guarantee that any particular state licensure or certification entity will approve or deny your application. Furthermore, this disclosure does not account for changes in state law or regulation that may affect your application for licensure and occur after the date of this disclosure. Enrolled students and prospective students are strongly encouraged to contact their State’s licensure entity using the links provided to review all licensure requirements imposed by their state(s) of choice.

The College has designed an educational program curriculum for its Doctor of Optometry program that if successfully completed is sufficient to meet the

[1] This determination is based on the educational and curricular requirements of each state for licensure (excluding any special or temporary licensure that may be granted) and does not imply that other requirements for licensure do not exist or have been determined to have been met by this program or that any necessary approvals for clinical placements have been secured at the time of enrollment.
licensure and certification requirements for a Doctor of Optometry license in the following states:

Alabama
Alaska
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
Florida
Georgia
Hawaii
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
Missouri
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
North Dakota
Ohio
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Puerto Rico
Rhode Island
South Carolina
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
US Virgin Islands
Utah
Vermont
Virginia
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming

Other state information:

Oklahoma – Completion of our program meets the requirement of being a graduate of an accredited school of optometry, conferring the degree of Doctor of Optometry, however we do not meet the requirement of passing the Laser Therapy for the Anterior Segment Course offered by Northeastern State University as a prerequisite for taking the Oklahoma Boards

Pacific Territories – it is unknown at this time if we meet all requirements beyond graduation from an ACOE accredited optometry school