Initial Optometry Faculty Certificate Application

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Florida HEALTH
Medical Quality Assurance

Are you an active duty member of the United States Armed Services?

Are you a veteran of the United States Armed Services?

Are you the spouse of a veteran of the United States Armed Services?

Are you the spouse of an active member of the United States Armed Services?

If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, you may qualify for a reduction in your application fees. You can find information about the Florida Department of Health’s commitment to serving members and veterans of the United States Armed Forces and their families online at

http://www.flhealthsource.gov/valor

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Optometry Faculty Certificate (1805) **$205.00**

Total fee of $205.00 includes the following:

Application Fee	$100.00
Licensure Fee	$100.00
Unlicensed Activity Fee	$5.00

Fees must be paid in the form of a cashier's check or money order, made payable to the Department of Health. An applicant who is denied licensure or withdraws their application is entitled to a $105.00 (Licensure Fee and Unlicensed Activity Fee) refund. Requests to withdraw or for a refund must be made in writing. Certain fees are refundable for up to three years from the date of receipt.

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____
Last/Surname First Middle MM/DD/YYYY

Mailing Address: (The address where mail and your license should be sent)

_____ _____ _____
Street/P.O. Box Apt. No. City

_____ _____ _____ _____
State ZIP Country Home/Cell Telephone (Input without dashes)

Physical Location: (Required if mailing address is a P.O. Box- This address will be posted on the Department of Health's website)

_____ _____ _____
Street Apt. No. City

_____ _____ _____ _____
State ZIP Country Work/Cell Telephone (Input without dashes)

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY DATA:

We are required to ask that you furnish the following information as part of your voluntary compliance with 41 CFR Part 60-3-Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedure (1978); 43 FR 38295 and 38296 (August 25, 1978). This information is gathered for statistical and reporting purposes only and does not in any way affect your candidacy for licensure.

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Race: ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Two or More Races ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Black or African American ☐ White ☐ Asian

Email Notification: To be notified of the status of your application by email, check the "Yes" box and fill in your email address on the line provided. If you choose to be notified via email you will be responsible for checking your email regularly and updating your email address with the board office.

☐ Yes ☐ No Email Address: _____

Under Florida law, email addresses are public records. If you do not want your email address released in response to a public records request, do not provide an email address or send electronic mail to our office. Instead contact the office by phone or in writing.

2. SOCIAL SECURITY DISCLOSURE

This information is exempt from public records disclosure.

Pursuant to Title 42 United States Code § 666(a)(13), the department is required and authorized to collect Social Security numbers relating to applications for professional licensure. Additionally, section (s.) 456.013(1)(a), Florida Statutes (F.S.), authorizes the collection of Social Security numbers as part of the general licensing provisions.

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____
(Input without dashes)

Social Security Information- * Under the Federal Privacy Act, disclosure of Social Security numbers is voluntary unless specifically required by federal statute. In this instance, Social Security numbers are mandatory pursuant to Title 42 United States Code, § 653 and 654; and s. 456.013(1), 409.2577, and 409.2598, F.S. Social Security numbers are used to allow efficient screening of applicants and licensees by a Title IV-D child support agency to ensure compliance with child support obligations. Social Security numbers must also be recorded on all professional and occupational license applications and will be used for license identification pursuant to Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Welfare Reform Act. 104 Pub. L. Section 317). Clarification of the SSA process may be reviewed at www.ssa.gov or by calling 1-800-772-1213.

Name: _____

3. APPLICANT BACKGROUND

A. List any other name(s) by which you have been known in the past. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

_____

B. Do you hold, or have you ever held a license to practice optometry or any other health-related license(s)?
☐ Yes ☐ No

C. List all health-related licenses (active, inactive or lapsed).

License Type	License #	State/Country	Original Date Issued (MM/DD/YYYY)	Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Status of License

☐ **Submit a License Verification** form to **ALL** your state(s) of licensure. License verifications must be received directly from the licensing authority regardless of the status of the license.

D. Have you committed any act or offense in any jurisdiction which would constitute the basis for discipline?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If you respond "Yes," provide a **written self-explanation** and provide **documentation**.

4. EDUCATION HISTORY

A. Are you a graduate of an accredited school/college of optometry that is approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Office of Education? ☐ Yes ☐ No

B. Have you completed at least 110-hours of transcript quality coursework? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you responded "Yes," select the appropriate category:

Graduate of:		
☐ Ferris State College (1979)	☐ Ohio State (1972)	☐ University of California, Berkeley (1977)
☐ Illinois College (1976)	☐ Pacific University (1977)	☐ University of Houston (1975)
☐ Indiana University (1976)	☐ Pennsylvania College (1976)	☐ University of Missouri (1984)
☐ Inter-American (1986)	☐ Southern California (1979)	☐ University of Montreal (1983)
☐ Newenco (1977)	☐ Southern College (1976)	☐ Waterloo, Canada (1976)
☐ Northeastern State (1983)	☐ *SUNY (1975)	
☐ Nova Southeastern (1993)	☐ University of Alabama (1973)	

* The State University of New York

C. Have you completed clinical training in general and ocular pharmacology? ☐ Yes ☐ No

This information is exempt from public records disclosure.

5. HEALTH HISTORY

Physical and Mental Health Disorders Impacting Ability to Practice

A. During the last two years, have you been treated for or had a recurrence of a diagnosed physical or mental disorder that impaired or would impair your ability to practice? ☐ Yes ☐ No

B. In the last two years, have you been admitted or referred to a hospital, facility or impaired practitioner program for treatment of a diagnosed mental or physical disorder that impaired your ability to practice? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Substance-Related Disorders Impacting Ability to Practice

C. During the last five years, have you been treated for or had a recurrence of a diagnosed substance-related (alcohol or drug) disorder that impaired or would impair your ability to practice? ☐ Yes ☐ No

D. During the last five years, were you admitted or directed into a program for the treatment of a diagnosed substance-related (alcohol or drug) disorder or, if you were previously in such a program, did you suffer a relapse? ☐ Yes ☐ No

E. During the last five years, have you been enrolled in, required to enter, or participated in any substance-related (alcohol or drug) recovery program or impaired practitioner program for treatment of drug or alcohol abuse? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If a "Yes" response was provided to any of the questions in this section, provide the following documents directly to the board office:

☐ **A letter from a Licensed Health Care Practitioner,** who is qualified by skill and training to address the condition identified, which explains the impact the condition may have on the ability to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety. The letter must specify that the applicant is safe to practice the profession without restrictions or specifically indicate the restrictions that are necessary. Documentation provided must be dated within one year of the application date.

☐ **A written self-explanation,** identifying the medical condition(s) or occurrence(s); and current status

Name: _____

6. CRIMINAL AND MEDICAID/MEDICARE FRAUD QUESTIONS

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Applicants for licensure, certification, or registration and candidates for examination may be excluded from licensure, certification, or registration if their felony convictions fall into certain timeframes as established in s. 456.0635(2), F.S.

1. Have you been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, regardless of adjudication, to a felony under chapter (ch.) 409, F.S. (relating to social and economic assistance), ch. 817, F.S. (relating to fraudulent practices), ch. 893, F.S. (relating to drug abuse prevention and control), or a similar felony offense(s) in another state or jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you responded "No" to the question above, skip to question 2.

   a. If "Yes" to 1, for the felonies of the first or second degree, has it been more than 15 years from the date of the plea, sentence, and completion of any subsequent probation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   b. If "Yes" to 1, for the felonies of the third degree, has it been more than ten years from the date of the plea, sentence, and completion of subsequent probation (this question does not apply to felonies of the third degree under s. 893.13(6)(a), F.S.)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   c. If "Yes" to 1, for the felonies of the third degree under s. 893.13(6)(a), F.S., has it been more than five years from the date of the plea, sentence, and completion of any subsequent probation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   d. If "Yes" to 1, have you successfully completed a drug court program that resulted in the plea for the felony offense being withdrawn or the charges dismissed (if "Yes," provide supporting documentation)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Have you been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, to a felony under 21 U.S.C. ss. 801-970 or 42 U.S.C. ss. 1395-1396 (relating to public health, welfare, Medicare and Medicaid issues)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you responded "No" to the question above, skip to question 3.

   a. If "Yes" to 2, has it been more than 15 years before the date of application since the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or plea ended? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Have you ever been terminated for cause from the Florida Medicaid Program pursuant to s. 409.913, F.S.? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you responded "No" to the question above, skip to question 4.

   a. If you have been terminated but reinstated, have you been in good standing with the Florida Medicaid Program for the most recent five years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Have you ever been terminated for cause, pursuant to the appeals procedures established by the state, from any other state Medicaid program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you responded "No" to the question above, skip to question 5.

   a. Have you been in good standing with a state Medicaid program for the most recent five years? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   b. Did termination occur at least 20 years before the date of this application? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name: _____

5. Are you currently listed on the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Inspector General's List of Excluded Individuals and Entities (LEIE)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   a. If you responded "Yes" to the question above, are you listed because you defaulted or are delinquent on a student loan? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   b. If you responded "Yes" to question 5.a., is the student loan default or delinquency the only reason you are listed on the LEIE? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you responded "Yes" to any of the questions in this section, you must provide the following:

☐ **A written self-explanation** for each question including the county and state of each termination or conviction, date of each termination or conviction, and copies of supporting documentation.

☐ **Supporting documentation** including court dispositions or agency orders where applicable.

Documentation for sections 5 and 6 must be submitted to:

Board *of* Optometry
4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C-07
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3257

7. PRACTICE INFORMATION

List the Florida-based school/college where you have been offered and accepted a full-time faculty appointment to teach in a program of optometry.

_____
(School /College Name)

☐ **You must submit a letter on letterhead from the Dean of the program confirming the appointment.**

8. APPLICANT SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, state that I am the person referred to in this application for licensure in the state of Florida.

I recognize that providing false information may result in disciplinary action against my license or criminal penalties pursuant to s. 456.067 and 775.083, F.S.

Florida law requires me to immediately inform the board of any material change in any circumstances or condition stated in the application which takes place between the initial filing and the final granting or denial of the license and to supplement the information on this application as needed.

Section 456.013(1)(a), F.S., provides that an incomplete application shall expire one year after the initial filing with the department.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____
You may print out this application and sign it or sign digitally. MM/DD/YYYY

Complete verifications must be mailed directly from the licensing agency to:

Florida Board *of* Optometry
4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C-07
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3257

Florida Board *of* Optometry License Verification Request

Part I: To be completed by applicant (Florida requires verification of all your current and previously held licenses.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name original license was issued under: _____

License Number: _____ State: _____

I hereby authorize release of any information regarding my licensure status to the Florida Board of Optometry.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____
MM/DD/YYYY

Part II: To be completed by state licensing agency

All verifications must be in English and include the following criteria:

* Typed on an official state form or letterhead
* Include an official board seal
* Signature and title of state board official

The following information must be included in all verifications:

* Licensee name
* License number
* State or jurisdiction of licensure
* Licensure status
* Is license in good standing?
* Date of issuance/expiration
* Licensure method (examination, grandfathering, reciprocity/endorsement)
* Has this license ever been encumbered (denied, revoked, suspended, surrendered, limited, placed on probation)?
* If this license has ever been encumbered, please provide certified copies of documentation regarding the action with the completed license verification.