



Doctor of Professional Practice in Ophthalmology

Academic Research Programmes in Ophthalmology

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The Doctor of Professional Practice in Ophthalmology course focuses in specific research training for all medical graduates around the world, interested in Ophthalmology research, will benefit from this comprehensive course, which can lead to qualifications endorsed by their local health ministry. It will provide you with the skills to practise ophthalmology and ophthalmic research at the highest possible standard with an emphasis on the specific diseases and pathologies of developing countries.

Clinical and basic sciences are taught online, while local and visiting mentors provide clinical teaching and supervision in your working environment. You will gain practical skills that include knowledge of the prognosis and management of common eye conditions, diseases and injuries and also research in eye diseases. The course will also provide you with the opportunity to complete extensive practical experience, including an observership in ophthalmic surgery and management of post-operative complications.

The Doctor of Professional Practice in Ophthalmology course builds on concepts learned during his/her training of ocular specialty. You may choose to complete the diploma or using it as a pathway into the master's degree in this discipline.



Course opportunities

Medical graduates around the world interested in Ophthalmology will benefit from the Doctor of Professional Practice in Ophthalmology course, which can lead to qualifications endorsed by their local health ministry. Successful graduates may be eligible for Ophthalmology positions with an overseas health department.

Admission requirements

A successful applicant for admission to the Doctor of Professional Practice in Ophthalmology course, must have a Bachelor of Medicine/Specialty in Ophthalmology or equivalent qualification. In exceptional circumstances the director of the course may admit applicants without this qualification who, in the opinion of the *Ballsbridge University*, have qualifications and evidence of experience and achievement sufficient to successfully undertake the award.

Applicants from countries without established vocational (specialist) Ophthalmology training programs and working in an Ophthalmology unit are eligible for admission to the Community Ophthalmology stream.

Applicants who are overseas trained specialists from countries with established vocational ophthalmology training programs and:

(a) Who have satisfactorily completed the requirements to practice as ophthalmologists in their country of residency; or

(b) Who are eligible to undertake further fellowship training in their country of residence; are eligible for admission to the Course of Ophthalmology.

Optional training

Doctors interested who have successfully completed the theoretical course, can choose to do internships at the *Eye Clinic* or *Abad Eye Biotech*, research institute in Mendoza, Argentina.