

PLANNING YOUR TIMELINE FOR APPLYING TO OPTOMETRY SCHOOL*

November 15, 2024	Optional Early Portfolio of Accomplishments and Reflections (PAR) deadline (5:00pm ET) in order to qualify for an early comprehensive advising appointment (CAA), and the interview preparation series.
December 2024- January 2025	Early CAAs available for eligible individuals who submit the PAR by the early deadline.
January 6, 2025	The PAR is due by 5:00pm ET in order to qualify for a CAA and the interview preparation series
January 2025	Notice of qualification for a CAA, and the interview preparation series sent to your Boston University email address.
February-April 2025	CAAs for eligible applicants
April/May 2025	Optometry Admission Test (OAT) administration. Latest recommended exam dates for 2026 applicants.
June 2025 – Fall 2025	OptomCAS application will become available (https://optomcas.liaisoncas.com). Request official transcript(s) to be submitted to Central Application Service(s) Have letters of recommendation sent to OptomCAS by your recommenders. Check individual schools for specific criteria. Interview preparation series available for eligible applicants. Complete each school's supplemental application by their specific deadline.
September 2025	Attend Preprofessional Advising Interview Meeting.

*All timelines are subject to change as OptomCAS releases new information.