

Community Eye Care and Outreach at Jordan University of Science and Technology

At the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST), the Optometry Department, led by Prof. May Bakkar, places strong emphasis on serving the community and advancing eye health awareness through diverse outreach programs.

One of the department's key initiatives is the organization of vision screenings for vulnerable groups, particularly children with special needs—including those with autism and Down syndrome—as well as older adults. These activities are incorporated into student clinical training and involve a wide range of assessments such as visual acuity, eye alignment, refractive status, retinal health, depth perception, and color vision.



The Department of Optometry at Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) organized a series of medical outreach days across the university's faculties. As part of these



initiatives, the mobile optometry clinic was launched in the year 2024 with the active participation of faculty members and optometry students.

During the event, vision examinations were provided to university students and staff, along with eye-related medical advice. The activities also focused on raising awareness of common eye conditions and explaining preventive measures to promote better eye health within the university community.

The department also hosts awareness campaigns in celebration of World Optometry Day, designed to reach both the university community and the wider public. With active student participation, the events feature engaging educational stations that cover topics like dry eye, glaucoma, keratoconus, refractive errors with emphasis on myopia and myopia control, allergic eye disease, diabetic retinopathy and safe contact lens practices.

Through these initiatives, JUST's optometry students underscores that the Medical Days reflect the mission of the university and the Faculty of Applied Medical Sciences in striving for excellence in education, research, patient care, and community service.

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