



UNIVERSITY OF PIKEVILLE

Home of the Kentucky College of Optometry



At the University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Optometry, we develop **leaders in therapeutic optometry** through **innovative education** and a **commitment to caring** for the underserved.

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Dean of the Kentucky College of Optometry

The University of Pikeville is seeking qualified applicants for the position of dean of the Kentucky College of Optometry (KYCO). Located in the heart of Appalachia, the University of Pikeville is committed to offering a broad liberal arts and health professions education. KYCO is fully accredited and received eight-year approval from the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) in 2020. The dean of the Kentucky College of Optometry shall be the chief executive officer for the optometry college. The dean shall be responsible for the development and administration of the optometric academic programs and policies in conjunction with the provost and president, and shall perform other such duties as the president or the board of trustees may direct from time to time. KYCO has the support of the Kentucky Optometric Association (KOA) and Kentucky Board of Optometric Examiners (KBOE).

This role is tasked with leading the faculty in determining and implementing the academic and clinical program necessary to maintain the college in the forefront of the profession. The dean leads the Kentucky College of Optometry and partners with the university's office of advancement in activities devoted to fundraising. In doing so, the dean must articulate within and outside KYCO values and standards of the optometric profession.

Within the University of Pikeville, the dean is the principle advocate for the Kentucky College of Optometry, ensuring that the needs of the faculty, the students, and the curriculum are fully considered in the making of university-wide decisions.



The dean performs the following essential duties:

- Serve as the chief executive officer for KYCO;
- Administer the preparation of materials and documentation required for continuing accreditation of the school by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE);
- Ensure that the academic and patient care missions of the college are accomplished;
- Oversee the process of developing and maintaining an evidence-based optometric curriculum;
- Provide leadership for recruiting and retaining highly qualified faculty, staff and students, including instructing in lecture and laboratory activities;
- Promote the college and university's positive image, state-of-the-art facilities, and educational programs;
- Ensure the efficient administration of college matters pertaining to personnel, facilities, budget, equipment, and planning;
- Supervise the college's service outreach throughout Appalachia, including underserved rural communities through activities such as providing patient care services, enhancing interdisciplinary and inter-professional collaborations, and developing and enhancing positive relationships with alumni, industry, and educational institutions and government agencies.

Required qualifications include:

1. Doctorate of Optometry from an ACOE accredited institution.
2. Must have outstanding optometric educator abilities and excellent organizational skills in previous positions.
3. A minimum four years of leadership experience as an academic program leader or dean at a school of optometry and/or a teaching hospital or clinic where optometry students practice clinical skills.
4. Must have the credentials to receive a faculty appointment at the college.
5. Must obtain a license to practice optometry within the Commonwealth of Kentucky within 12 months of appointment to the faculty.
6. Demonstrated leadership and administrative experience, abilities and qualities to manage academic and clinical programs at the professional doctoral level.
7. A history of demonstrating strong character, collegiality & outstanding integrity.
8. The ability to maintain a culture of positive collegiality, trust and hope.

Preferred qualifications include:

1. A record of developing and maintaining a progressive and productive environment that supports teaching, clinical practice, and research activities;
2. Postgraduate training (e.g., Clinical residency, Masters, Ph.D., or Ed.D.);
3. Understanding of and commitment to the pedagogy of classroom, laboratory and clinical education;
4. Comprehensive administrative skills, including communication, supervision and budget management;
5. And personal qualities of integrity, organization, enthusiasm and industriousness.

The University of Pikeville offers a competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. UPIKE offers a competitive benefits package including medical, dental, vision, and life insurance, telemedicine, long term disability, tuition waivers, a 403(b) retirement plan, and HSA, FSA, and dependent care accounts. UPIKE also offers a generous holiday schedule and paid leave program.

**About the University of Pikeville**

The University of Pikeville (UPIKE) is located in the heart of Appalachia, surrounded by mountains, outdoor recreational opportunities, and a welcoming community. UPIKE is a comprehensive institution accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges with a robust undergraduate college, master's-level programs, and three doctoral programs, including our College of Optometry, Osteopathic Medical School, and our new College of Dental Medicine. UPIKE strives to serve students – 35% of whom are first-generation, 99% receive some form of financial aid, and 18% are non-white at the undergraduate level – by making learning accessible and affordable. One of the university's signature initiatives is Open Educational Resources, which offers no-cost course materials and reduces the economic burden on students and families. The academic programs at the institution utilize flexible delivery modes, including face-to-face, hybrid, and online course offerings and programs. It is a community that values inclusive excellence, an innovative spirit and a focus on community partnerships. Join UPIKE in impacting the Appalachian region's health and wellness and transforming our students' lives.



KYCO also provides continuing education programs to enhance doctors' clinical knowledge and skills of optometry. They host both in-person and online, continuing education. All courses meet the state licensing requirements for the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE) or sponsorship by an accredited school or college of optometry.

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