Becoming a Preferred Graduate in Optometry



Preferred Graduate Checklist + Reflective Note = Your Story of Becoming a Preferred Graduate

Your Story of Becoming a Preferred Graduate

Monitoring your development and reflecting on your experience help you become better. The checklists and templates in this document are specially designed to help you monitor and reflect on your status as a preferred graduate.

How?

- 1. Use the *preferred graduate checklist* to check your status as a preferred graduate at regular intervals (e.g. every year / semester)
- 2. *Reflect* the guidelines in the reflection templates will help you and write down your reflections, thoughts, ideas, plans...

Write your story,

Live your story!



Preferred Graduate Checklist

Nature of the Optometry discipline



What is a Preferred Graduate in Optometry? See table below.

Why are the qualities of a Preferred Graduate important? Read the first column carefully.

Qualities of the Preferred

Graduates in the discipline

How far am I from

being a Preferred

		Graduate?	
		'How much water would there be in your bucket?' A B C D E Circle one.	
Optometrists offer eyecare services to the public. These services may include refraction, prescribing spectacles and contact lenses, prescribing other special visual aids and	Understand concepts in basic sciences, optometry, visual sciences and clinical optometry	A B C D E	1
detection of ocular as well as systemic problems.	Be competent in practice, for example, know how to apply the learned skills and technology in actual work	ABCDE	2
Optometrists must communicate effectively with their clients. Optometrists need to be able to explain clearly the clients' conditions and	Have strong communication and interpersonal skills	A B C D E	3
give appropriate advice.	Show a caring attitude and sensitivity to clients' needs	A B C D E	4
Optometrists must observe the ethical standards of the profession.	Be responsible for the actions taken	ABCDE	5
	Take time to reflect upon the daily work and learn from what is done right and what is done	ABCDE	6

wrong

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Nature of the Optometry discipline	Qualities of the Preferred Graduates in the discipline	How far am I from being a Preferred Graduate?	
Optometrists are knowledgeable in many subjects outside their profession so that they have a wide view of what is going on in the society and around the world.	Have knowledge of many subjects	АВСDЕ	7
Optometrists take up leadership responsibilities.	Able to be a leader	A B C D E	8
When facing a problem, optometrists must thoroughly consider all available solutions before deciding on the best one. They must not	Open-minded	A B C D E	9
only focus on a few solutions but also new and innovative ones.	Creative	A B C D E	10
	Have critical thinking and analytical skills	A B C D E	11
	Have problem solving skills	A B C D E	12
Optometrists must constantly get the most up- to-date knowledge about their profession. Continuous Professional Development (CPD) is very important to them.	Have independent and life-long learning skills	ABCDE	13

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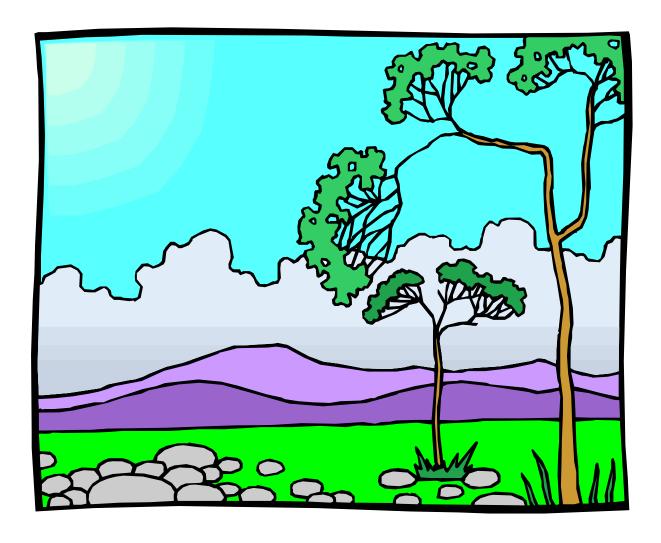


Your first time... with the preferred graduate checklist

Now that you have completed the preferred graduate checklist for the first time, what have you learnt about your discipline? What have you learnt about *yourself* as a future professional in that discipline? How prepared are you? What do you need to work on? How...

- 1) Assess your status as a preferred graduate by completing the preferred graduate checklist.
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NUC	M	y Reflections	Today is
3/10	(B) (B)	Is being a professional in your field like what y What qualities do you need? What qualities do How do you plan to develop the qualities you n	you have?



One year has gone... How far have you gone?

It has been some times since you last completed a preferred graduate checklist, how far have you progressed since then? What qualities have you developed or need to develop? What new goals will you set for the coming year?

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SVO	M	y Reflections	Today is
3/15	@ @ @	Have you achieved the goals that you set last tin Are the strategies that you have used to develop What do you need to work further on?	ne? relevant qualities effective?

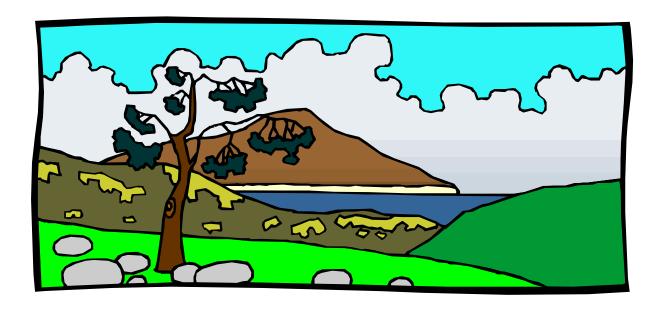


The time is coming closer ... Let's give it the finishing touch

You are now only one year from your becoming a professional, how far left do you have to go? What steps do you need to take to get there (in terms of competence rather than qualification)? What would be your focuses this year?

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My Reflections	Today is
 What qualities remained to be developed? What learning difficulties have you encountered? How would you plan this year in relation to your 	How could they be overcome? career development?



Finale... Are you ready?

At last, you are here, up on a hill looking at the prospect that lies in front of you, seeing all the challenges and opportunities. After all these years, what have you learnt about yourself? Are you ready?

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My Reflections	Today is
 What do you know about your strengths a How well do you know yourself as a learn What will you bring with you from your u 	ner, a professional, and a person?