

Professions and Public Health Subcommittee

Wednesday, October 20, 2021
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Webster Hall (212 Knott)

Meeting Packet

Chris Sprowls
Speaker

Will Robinson
Chair

Committee Meeting Notice

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Professions & Public Health Subcommittee

Start Date and Time:	Wednesday, October 20, 2021 11:00 am
End Date and Time:	Wednesday, October 20, 2021 12:30 pm
Location:	Webster Hall (212 Knott)
Duration:	1.50 hrs

Presentation and Panel Discussion on Optometry and Ophthalmology

Presentation by Jennifer Wenhold, MSW,CPM, Interim Director, Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Florida Department of Health

Panel Discussion:

- Darby D. Miller, MD, MPH
- Ahad Mahootchi, MD
- David Rouse, O.D., F.A.A.O
- Mark T. Marciano, O.D.

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DOH Presentation

Department of Health

Regulatory Overview
Optometry & Ophthalmology in Florida

Christina McGinnis, MPH, Executive Director
Division of Medical Quality Assurance

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Education and Training: Optometrists

Education Requirements	Graduate from an accredited school or college of Optometry.
	Complete 110 hours of transcript-quality coursework and clinical training in general and ocular pharmacology.
	Complete at least one year of supervised experience in differential diagnosis of eye disease or disorders.
	Certified Optometrists must complete a board-approved 20-hour course on general and ocular pharmaceutical agents and a subsequent examination.
	An Optometry residency program is optional.

Education and Training: Ophthalmologists

Education Requirements	Graduate from an allopathic or osteopathic medical school.
	Complete an approved residency of at least one year and subsequent examination.
	Complete an accredited, three-year residency training program in ophthalmology.
	Board certification is optional. If board certification is desired, both a qualifying examination and an oral examination are required.

Licensure Requirements

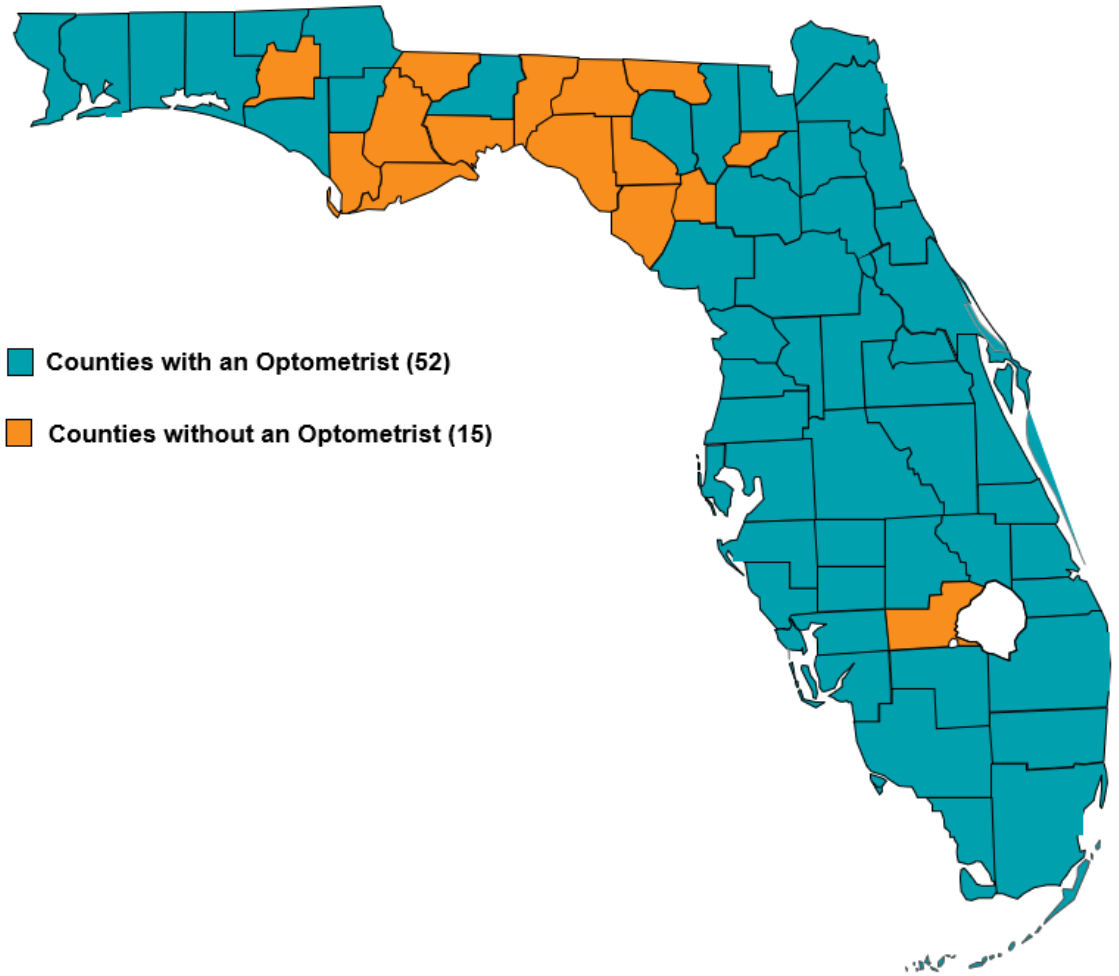
Requirements	Optometrists	Ophthalmologists
Submit application and fees.	✓	✓
Meet age, character, past discipline, and criminal history requirements.	✓	✓
Pass the applicable licensure examination(s).	✓	✓
Meet education and training requirements; submit license verification from all jurisdictions and all supporting documents related to any affirmative answer on the application.	✓	✓
Meet post-graduate training requirements.	✗	✓
Pass a background screening and submit results of a National Practitioner Data Bank query.	✗	✓

Liability Insurance

Optometrists	Ophthalmologists
Not required Florida Optometrists may choose to pursue this at their own discretion.	Required Physicians must demonstrate financial responsibility to pay claims and related costs arising out of the rendering of, or the failure to render, medical care or services as a condition of initial and ongoing licensure by: • Establishing and maintaining an escrow account; • Obtaining and maintaining professional liability coverage; or • Obtaining and maintaining an unexpired, irrevocable letter of credit.

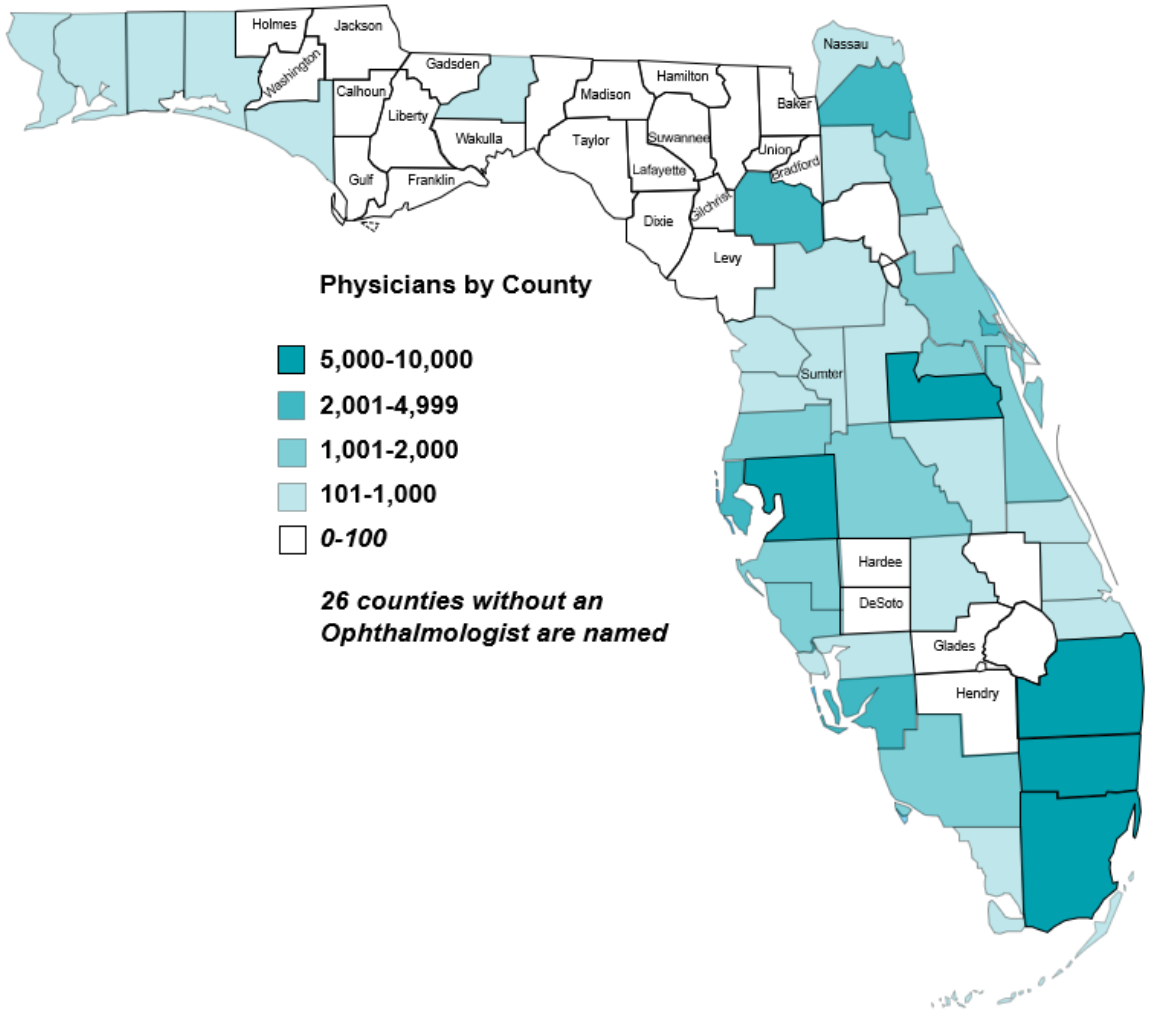
Data: Optometrists

- There are 2,982 active Optometrists licensed in Florida.
- There are approximately 0.139 Optometrists per 1,000 Floridians.



Data: Ophthalmologists

- There are 97,791 Medical Doctors and Osteopathic Physicians licensed in Florida.
- While specialty data is not required to be reported to the Department, 1,225 licensed practitioners list Ophthalmology as a specialty.
- There are approximately 0.057 Ophthalmologists per 1,000 Floridians.



Questions?

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Panelist Bios

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Ahad Mahootchi, MD

Dr. Ahad Mahootchi is a board-certified Ophthalmologist, specializing in cataract, glaucoma and eyelid surgeries. He has more than 25 years of experience in complex and cutting-edge treatments in cataract, glaucoma, retina, cornea, and oculoplastics. After obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry at Rhodes College, he went on to complete his Medical Degree and Ophthalmology at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. In 2001, he founded The Eye Clinic of Florida and continues to serve the Tampa Bay area there today.
Dr. Mahootchi is the Vice President of Advocacy for the Florida Society of Ophthalmology. In addition to his service with the FSO, he also lends his time to several organizations, including the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons and the executive committee of Cataract Surgeons for Improved Eyecare.

Darby D. Miller, MD, MPH

Dr. Darby Miller is a cornea, cataract, and anterior segment surgeon at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida. He currently serves an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology and has been with the Mayo Clinic since 2014.
Dr. Miller completed medical school and ophthalmology residency at the George Washington University Medical Center. He completed his internship at Georgetown University and Masters in Public Health at Harvard University. He completed his cornea fellowship at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary.
Dr. Miller served as President of the Florida Society of Ophthalmology from 2018 to 2020. He is currently serves on the American Academy of Ophthalmology's (AAO) OTAC Committee on Cornea and Anterior Segment Surgery. Dr. Miller is a graduate of the AAO Leadership Development Program and received the AAO's Secretariat Award in 2019 and Achievement Award in 2020.

David Rouse, O.D., F.A.A.O.

Dr. Rouse graduated the Illinois College of Optometry with honors in 1992 and completed his residency in primary care and ocular disease at the Illinois Eye Institute in Chicago, Illinois. He is currently licensed as a certified optometric physician in the State of Florida with prescriptive authority in oral medications and controlled substances. He is board certified by the American Board of Optometry and a Diplomate in the American Academy of Optometry.
Dr. Rouse serves as Vice Chairman of the Florida Board of Optometry with oversight of the committees of continued education and the National Board of Examiners in Optometry.
He serves as the Florida Trustee for SECO International which counts as its members, optometrists within the 13 southeastern states; its annual optometric educational meeting is widely acknowledged as the largest optometric educational meeting in the world.
Dr. Rouse has been in private practice in Sunrise, Florida since 1994 where he practices comprehensive, primary eye care. He is a Past President of the Florida Optometric Association in 2012 and was awarded the Florida Optometrist of the Decade in 2020.
He currently serves his community as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board of Cooper City, Florida and as Past President of the Indian Pond Homeowners Association.

Mark T. Marciano O.D.

Dr. Mark Marciano graduated Nova Southeastern University in May, 1998 where he recieved the Chancellor's Award for academic and clinical excellence. Dr. Marciano completed a residency in ocular disease and management at the Braverman Eye Center in Hallandale, FL. He currently practices in West Palm Beach and Palm Beach Gardens, Florida with his wife, Dr. Brandee Marciano. The two offices employ 18 people, including four doctors. Dr. Marciano is the current President-Elect of the Florida Optometric Association. He also serves on the city council in Palm Beach Gardens acting as Mayor in 2019-2020. He was first elected to the council in March, 2017 and is currently serving his second and final term. Dr. Marciano was appointed to the Palm Beach County Health Care District's Finance and Audit board in 2019. Mark has been married for 21 years and has two children. Adam (20) is studying chemistry at Florida State University. Thomas (17) is a senior at Cardinal Newman High school in West Palm Beach.