

Boston Orthoptic Fellowship Program

Thank you for your interest in the Boston Orthoptic Fellowship Program (BOFP). Our program is a comprehensive, two-year accredited program offering academic and clinical instruction in orthoptics. Based at Boston Children's Hospital (BCH), orthoptic education is imparted through both didactic instruction and hands-on clinical experience. We serve patients of all ages, from children to adults, with binocular vision disorders. Our experienced staff of orthoptists and pediatric ophthalmologists are dedicated to patient care, education, and the clinical teaching of orthoptists, residents, and fellows.

Career prospects for certified orthoptists are very positive. The demand for orthoptists increases every year, yet the number of newly certified orthoptists is insufficient to meet the demand.

The BOFP requires applicants to have completed an undergraduate degree prior to applying, with most candidates having a background in the basic sciences. The GRE is not required. Applications are accepted from U.S. Citizens, Permanent Residents/Green Card holders, or other visa holders. We are unable to arrange student visas. We strongly recommend applicants observe an orthoptist prior to applying to our program.

The program requires full-time attendance from Monday to Friday (approximately 40 hours/week). While the workload is rewarding, it is demanding. Students must complete a research project and are encouraged to present their findings at a pre-approved regional or national orthoptic meeting. Tuition is \$5,000 per year, and students are financially responsible for all living expenses, including health insurance, during training. We accept a maximum of two students per year.

Students in orthoptic programs do not typically qualify for student loans; however, partial scholarships are available through the Joint Commission of Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO) and the Foundation for Orthoptic Research and Education in the Americas (FOREA).

An online interview is required. Complete application instructions can be found on the attached Application for Admission. Please submit the application along with supporting documents by email (preferred) or mail.

Sincerely,

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