

# Michigan College of Optometry Benefits

**MCO students benefit patients throughout Michigan.**

- Each student gives over 1,500 eye examinations
- Serve indigent patients
- Treat veterans and the armed services
- Provide care for over 7,500 prison inmates
- Collaborate with hospitals, health management organizations, eye centers, eye practices
- Specialized services in low vision, contact lens, pediatrics, and vision rehabilitation

**Research that improves eyecare and education.**

- Diabetes, glaucoma, low vision, contact lenses, optometric instruments.
- Advocate for infant and children's vision
- Correlation between vision problems and developmental education

**Important economic factor throughout Michigan.**

- Average practice employs five or more people
- Practice generates over a half million dollars revenue.
- A third of a billion dollar industry in Michigan