



Graduation Tips

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After graduation

- Fingerprinting (Live Scan)
- California O.D. license
- DEA number
- UPIN number
- VSP provider membership
- Malpractice insurance



Fingerprinting

- Locate a LIVESCAN facility:

- <http://caag.state.ca.us/fingerprints/publications/contact.htm>

- Appointments recommended



Live Scan Fees

- 2 fees, both paid to facility
 1. Facility Fee (varies~\$20.00)
 2. California Optometric Licensing Fee (~\$ 42.00)



California License

■ Application Form

- <http://www.optometry.ca.gov/>
- *Licensee/Applicant Information*
- *Instructions for Completing Application for Licensure*



Application Requirements

1. Fee for application: \$275.00
2. Official Transcript
 - After final grades and O.D. degree
 - Sent directly to the board
3. All Board Exam Results
4. A 2x2 passport like photo within 6 months



First Renewal of License

- Renewal fee is \$300.00
- License expires every 2 years
- Requires current CPR certification
- CE not required unless you have had the license greater than 1 year





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Sacramento, CA 95814
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(800) 547-4576
Fax: (916) 445-8711
email: optometry@dca.ca.gov

DEA License for Optometrists

- Call DEA at 1-800-882-9539 for an application or go online:
 - http://www.dea diversion.usdoj.gov/drug_reg/reg_apps/onlineforms.htm
 - or
 - <https://www.dea diversion.usdoj.gov/webforms/app224Login.jsp>
- Need to have your O.D. license number



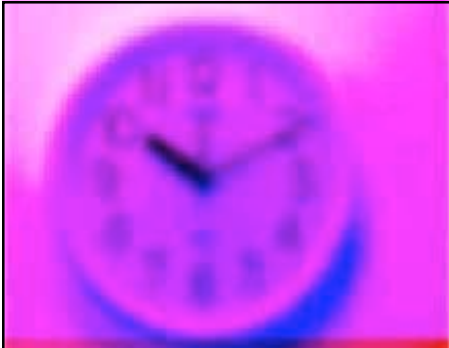
DEA Application

- DEA form 224
 - mid-level practitioners
 - only have access to Schedule III Narcotic drugs
 - ~\$390.00



UPIN Numbers

- Fill out form 855I and depending on the office setting also an 855R
- For enrollment information and application:
 - <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/providers/enrollment/forms/default.asp?>



VSP Provider

- Need before you apply:
 - UPIN number first
 - Practice location and work there at least 16 hrs/ week
- To obtain application:
 - Call VSP
 - Email:
networkdevelopmentrequests@vsp.com
- Website: <http://www.vsp.com/>



Other Insurance Providers

i.e.

- Medicare
- Medi-cal
- Blue Shield
- United Healthcare



Malpractice Insurance

- There is part-time insurance if you work under 20 hrs or full-time insurance
- Part-time ~\$365.00
- Full-time ~\$465.00
- Malpractice insurance will become effective once payment is received





Job Searches

- UC Berkeley Website
 - Look before graduation
 - Go on interviews before graduation
- Other school websites
- COA website
- Instructors
- Local Societies
- HMOs, Commercial, Private, Research, Self



Pay Expectations

- In the Bay Area

- Per diem pay ~\$250.00 - \$325.00+ independent contracting
 - Pay your own taxes (quarterly)
 - No Health Insurance, benefits, retirement
 - Lunch and Break laws don't have to apply
 - Provide your own malpractice insurance
 - More tax write-offs

Salary Expectations

- Taxes taken from paycheck
- Depending on employers and hours may have health, retirement, benefits
- Set lunch and break times
- Usually covered by employers malpractice
- Less tax write-offs



When Negotiating

■ Take into account:

- Expectations of you
- Workload
- Patient load
- Job duties
- Responsibilities (staff, optical, billing)



Expectations

- Try to negotiate incentive pay with bonuses
- Be creative, take a percentage of gross collections
- Negotiate Vacation (pro-rated if not full-time)



Don't get discouraged

- Keep sending out your resumes with cover letters
- One subbing job may lead into something permanent or can domino into another position
- Work experience may be important, but word of mouth can outway experience





Thank You for Staying!!!

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