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Expired Courses:

I completed my undergrad degree several years ago and now, wish to apply to optometry school. Do pre-requisite courses ever “expire?” Should I repeat the pre-requisite courses?

For SCCO's purposes, completed pre-requisite courses never “expire,” meaning that it is not absolutely necessary to retake them after a certain time has elapsed. The issue is one of whether you will be competitive on the OAT given your current science and math education.

ASCO (American Schools and Colleges of Optometry) is the agency who administers the OAT exam. Visit their website at www.opted.org and review the OAT exam guide (see pages 30 and 31) which should help you decide if you need to retake any pre-requisite courses. Also, you may take a practice OAT exam which should further assist you in making this evaluation.

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