

Dr. Abraham Yuen

District 1 – Greater Toronto Area

Bio

Having graduated from the University of Waterloo four years ago, I have practiced in different types of clinics across the GTA, including full-scope dispensing and side-by-sides. Currently, I work in private practices located in downtown Toronto and Markham. My experience serving a diverse demographic of patients (from inner city to financial core to the suburbs) has allowed me to gain valuable insight into the challenges patients and optometrists face in the delivery of eyecare.

I have a personal clinical interest in low vision, specialty contact lenses and dry eye management. In 2018, I was appointed to the CAO Low Vision Working Group and contributed to the Clinical Practice Guideline: Optometric Low Vision Rehabilitation. In my spare time, I enjoy educating the public by hosting health seminars in libraries, churches and community hubs, as well as participating in local outreach projects to special populations such as Homeless Connect, Out of the Cold and the Special Olympics.

My volunteer experience on the College began in 2018 when I started serving on the Registration Committee. There, I helped develop registration policies and offered my perspective on important issues relating to entry-to-practice, international graduate pathways and ensuring fairness and transparency in the registration process while ensuring public protection.

If elected to College Council, here is how I propose to ensure public protection.

The recent global health crisis has been trying times for members and the public alike, and frustrations have arisen due to ever-changing policies as the pandemic evolved. I believe open, effective, and timely communication is critical in establishing trust between the regulator, its members and the public at large. Policies enacted must be informed by both consultation with stakeholders and evidence-based science to uphold the standards of the profession while protecting the public. If elected, I will bring a fresh voice and perspective to Council and serve with transparency, integrity and accountability.

Thank you for your support and consideration.