

## *Opticianry Associate of Applied Science (OP13)*

### DESCRIPTION

The Opticianry program prepares students for employment in a variety of positions in today's Opticianry field. A licensed dispensing optician (LDO) can be described as a visual pharmacist who fills the written prescription orders of Ophthalmologists and Optometrists. The opticianry program teaches students how to fabricate prescription lenses from semi-finished lens blanks to be inserted into fashionable eyewear worn by the patient. Adjusting and fitting eyewear as well as frame selection and dispensing are also part of the curriculum. The Opticianry program provides learning opportunities which introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and occupational knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. Additionally, the program provides opportunities to upgrade present knowledge and skills or to retrain in the area of Opticianry management. Graduates of the program receive an Opticianry degree.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates with the Associate of Applied Science in Opticianry degree are prepared for positions in doctors' offices and retail dispensing locations, along with sales positions and positions with wholesale companies.

### ACCREDITATION/APPROVAL

The Opticianry program is accredited by the Commission on Opticianry Accreditation (COA), P.O. Box 592, Canton, NY 13617, Phone 703.468.0566. Web: <http://www.coaccreditation.com>, email: [director@coaccreditation.com](mailto:director@coaccreditation.com).

### LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION:

Once students have successfully completed the program and passed the American Board of Opticianry (ABO) and National Contact Lens Examiners (NCLE) exams, they are eligible to complete and submit the application for Licensure Examination to the Georgia State Board of Licensing for Dispensing Opticians.

### ADMISSIONS CRITERIA:

1. Submit a completed application and application fee;
2. Be at least 16 years of age;
3. Submit official high school transcript or GED transcript;
4. Submit official college transcripts, if applicable
5. Meet the following assessment

TEST	Reading	Writing	Numerical	Algebra
ACCUPLACER	64	70	NA	57
COMPASS	79	62	NA	37
SAT	450	NA	440	NA
ACT	17	16	19	NA

### OPTICIANRY DEGREE CURRICULUM

The curriculum for the Opticianry degree program is designed for the semester system. A student may enter the program any semester for general education courses. Program courses begin in the fall and must be completed in a sequence. To graduate, degree-seeking students must earn a minimum of 71 semester credit hours. The program requires a minimum of 1740 contact hours and generally takes 5 semesters to complete.

<u>Program Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
<b>General Education Core</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Area I – Language Arts/Communication</b>	<b>6</b>
ENGL 1101 – Composition and Rhetoric* (OL)	3
<b>Area II – Social/Behavioral Sciences – Select 1</b>	<b>3</b>
PSYC 1101-Introductory Psychology (OL)	

SOCI 1101-Introduction to Sociology	
<b>Area III – Natural Sciences/Mathematics – Select 1</b>	<b>3</b>
MATH 1103 – Quantitative Skills and Reasoning	
MATH 1101 – Mathematical Modeling	
MATH 1111- College Algebra (OL)	
<b>Area IV Humanities/Fine Arts- Select 1</b>	<b>3</b>
ARTS 1101- Art Appreciation	
HUMN 1101 – Introduction to Humanities	
ENGL 2110 – World Literature (OL)	
ENGL 2130- American Literature (OL)	
MUSC 1101- Music Appreciation (OL)	
<b>Program-Specific Requirements</b>	<b>3</b>
General Core Elective	
<b>Occupational Courses</b>	<b>56</b>
COLL 1010 – College Career and Success Skills (OL)	3
OPHD 1010 Introduction to Ophthalmic Optics*	3
OPHD 1020 – Eye Anatomy and Physiology*	3
OPHD 1080 – Contact Lens I*	5
OPHD 2120 – Lens Selection*	6
OPHD 2090 – Frame Selection*	5
OPHD 2130 – Contact Lens II*	5
OPHD 1030 – Applied Optical Theory*	2
OPHD 1060 – Optical Laboratory Techniques I*	6
OPHD 2170 – Contact Lens Review*	3
OPHD 1070 – Optical Laboratory Techniques II*	6
OPHD 2180 – Opticianry Review*	3
OPHD 2190 – Opticianry Occupational Based Instruction*	6

(OL) designation indicates course may be available online during selected semesters. \* “C” or higher grade is required for this course.

#### PROGRAM COSTS:

Tuition/Fees: \$8,248  
 Books/Supplies: \$1,500  
 Uniform Costs: Approximately \$50  
 Liability Insurance: \$10 per fiscal year  
 #4402 Forensic Drug Panel (7) or similar screening: \$25  
 Criminal Background Check: \$39-\$80  
 (Costs are estimates and are subject to change.)

#### OCCUPATIONAL BASED INSTRUCTION

Number of sites: 20

General location of the sites: Bulloch, Burke, Chatham, Candler, Effingham, Toombs, and Evans Counties

### ***Occupational Based Courses***

The Opticianry degree program occupational based instruction provides students with an opportunity for in-depth application and reinforcement of principles and techniques in a real-world setting. The occupational based experience allows the student to become involved in a professional work situation applying technical skills.

The occupational based instruction requires that students spend a minimum of 15 hours a week in a supervised work setting for a total of 225 hours; during that time, students are evaluated by the preceptor and the externship coordinator.

### **GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT**

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at [www.ogeecheetech.edu/gainful\\_employment](http://www.ogeecheetech.edu/gainful_employment).

## **TOP 10 REASONS**

*why OTC is the right choice for you!*

1. Great-paying careers!
2. Strong **job placement!**
3. Affordable tuition with financial aid options you don't have to pay back!
4. Over 100 majors to choose from!
5. Flexible class scheduling: day, evening, and online classes!
6. Faculty with real-world experience
7. Hands-on learning
8. Small class sizes
9. An Associate's Degree, diploma, or certificate in less 2 years or less!
10. We **GUARANTEE** your education!

## **GET STARTED TODAY!**

1. Select a program! Free career counseling is available.
2. Review the Admissions Checklist and **APPLY** online at [www.ogeecheetech.edu](http://www.ogeecheetech.edu)!
3. Plan for expenses. You can view tuition and fees and available financial aid options online as well.

### **QUESTIONS:**

Contact Admissions at 912.688.6994 or via email at [enrollmentservices@ogeecheetech.edu](mailto:enrollmentservices@ogeecheetech.edu)!

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