

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.

ACCREDITATION

The Opticianry program is accredited by the Commission on Opticianry Accreditation (COA), P. O. Box 592, Canton, NY 13617, Phone 703.468.0566, www.coaccreditation.com.

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION:

Upon successful completion of the program and passing of the American Board of Opticianry (ABO) and National Contact Lens Examiners (NCLE) exams, students are eligible to apply for state licensure to become a Licensed Dispensing Optician (LDO).

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
- Meet the following assessment

TEST	Reading	Writing	Numerical	Algebra
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. To graduate, degree-seeking students must earn a minimum of 72 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>
General Education Core	15
Area I - Language Arts/Communication	6
ENGL 1101 - Composition and Rhetoric* (OL)	
SPCH 1101 - Public Speaking (OL)	
Area II - Social/Behavioral Sciences	3
PSYC 1101-Introduction to Psychology	

SOCI 1101-Introduction to Sociology	
ECON 1101-Principles of Economics	
ECON 2105-Macroeconomics	
Area III - Natural Sciences/Mathematics	3
MATH 1100 - Quantitative Skills and Reasoning	
MATH 111- College Algebra	
Area IV Humanities/Fine Arts	3
HUMN 1101 - Humanities	
Occupational Courses	57
COMP 1000 - Introduction to Computers (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*	6
OPHD 2130 - Contact Lens II*	5
OPHD 1030 - Applied Optical Theory	3
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	5

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

PROGRAM COSTS:

Tuition/Fees: \$6525

Books/Supplies: \$1,500

Uniform Costs: Approximately \$50

Liability Insurance: \$11 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 Wayne 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.

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!
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!

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