Opticianry Diploma (OP14)

Description

The Opticianry diploma 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 diploma.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates of the Opticianry diploma program are prepared for responsible positions in doctors' offices, wholesale optical laboratories and retail dispensing locations, along with sales positions and positions with wholesale companies.

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, which is comprised of a Contact Lens and Optical Practicum. Students must be 18 years of age to take the certification exam.

Admissions Criteria

- Submit a completed application and application fee;

- Be at least 16 years of age;

- Submit official high school transcript or GED transcript;

- Submit official college transcripts, if applicable

- Meet the following assessment requirements:

Test	Reading	Writing	Numerical
Accuplacer	55	60	34

Compass	70	32	26
SAT	24	25	22
SAT	430	NA	400
ACT	13	12	17
PSAT	22	23	20
GED	NA	165	165

Opticianry Diploma Curriculum

The curriculum for the Opticianry diploma program is designed for the semester system. A student may enter the program any semester, but this may add to the total semesters required. To graduate, diploma-seeking students must earn a minimum of 59 semester credit hours. The program requires a minimum of 1560 contact hours and generally takes 5 semesters to complete.

Program Courses	Credits
Basic Skills Courses	**6**
ENGL 1010 Fundamentals of English I (OL)	3
MATH 1012 Foundations of Mathematics (OL)	3
Occupational Courses	**53**
OPHD 1010 Introduction to Ophthalmic Optics*	3
OPHD 1020 Eye Anatomy and Physiology*	3
OPHD 1030 Applied Optical Theory*	2
OPHD 1060 Optical Laboratory Techniques I*	6
OPHD 1070 Optical Laboratory Techniques II*	6
OPHD 1080 Contact Lens I*	5
OPHD 2090 Frame Selection*	5
OPHD 2120 Lens Selection*	6
OPHD 2130 Contact Lens II*	5
OPHD 2170 Contact Lens Review*	3
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: $ $7,101
Books/Supplies: $1,500
Uniform Costs: Approximately $80
Liability Insurance: $10 per fiscal year

Drug Screening: $30
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 diploma 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 practicum 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.

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Contact Admissions at 912.688.6994 or via email at enrollmentservices@ogeecheetech.edu!