

Ophthalmic Technology – Ophthalmic Dispensing Technician

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS)

REQUIRED CREDITS: 68

LIMITED ENTRY

DEGREE CODE: OPHT-AAS

This is a limited-entry program. Some of these courses are program prerequisites and MUST be completed before a student is considered eligible for entry into the Program. Students MUST attend a Health Programs orientation and meet with a Health Programs advisor for additional advisement.

DESCRIPTION

The Ophthalmic Technology Program prepares graduates to be professional manufacturing and dispensing opticians. The program consists of systematic instruction and experience in all aspects of the work in the profession. The program includes instruction and laboratory training in: contact lens skills, eyewear dispensing skills, lens finishing techniques, lens surfacing techniques, as well as sales techniques, basic business operations and communications. Instruction and practice in low vision aids, physician assisting skills, and ocular prosthetics are also covered.

Graduates of the program are prepared to take the American Board of Opticianry and the National Contact Lens Examiners certification examinations.

Graduates are also prepared to take the Nevada Board of dispensing Opticians licensing examination.

Graduates of the program can gain employment as manufacturing opticians, dispensing opticians, entry level management positions in vision care, as well as open their own independent vision care facility.

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Accrediting Agency: Commission on Opticianry Accreditation, P.O. Box 3073, Merrifield, VA 22116, (703) 940-9134.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate the ability to analyze the prescriptive and lifestyle needs of a patient and make appropriate recommendations for optical devices.
- Demonstrate the ability to perform all the daily tasks of a laboratory and dispensing optician in a competent manner.
- Demonstrate the competencies necessary to pass the ABO, NCLE, and Nevada State Board of Dispensing Opticians licensing examinations.

PLEASE NOTE - The courses listed below may require a prerequisite or corequisite. Read course descriptions before registering for classes. All MATH and ENG courses numbered 01-99 must be completed before reaching 30 total college-level credits. No course under 100-level counts toward degree completion.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (22 CREDITS)**MATHEMATICS (3 credits)**

MATH 104B or higher (except MATH 122, 123)

ENGLISH COMPOSITION (3-5 credits)

ENG 100 or 101 or 113

COMMUNICATIONS (3 credits)

BUS 108; COM 101, 102, 215; JOUR 102; THTR 105

HUMAN RELATIONS (3 credits)

Recommended: ALS 101 College Success

NATURAL SCIENCE (3 credits)

Recommended: AST 101 General Astronomy

FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES/SOCIAL SCIENCES (3 credits)

Recommended: SOC 101 Principles of Sociology

U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS (4-6 credits)

Recommended: PSC 101 Introduction to American Politics

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (46 CREDITS)

OPHT 102B	Introduction to Contact Lenses	3
OPHT 105B	Introduction to Contact Lens Lab	1
OPHT 112B	Anatomy and Physiology of the Eye and Related Structures	3
OPHT 121B	Ophthalmic Optics I	5
OPHT 123B	Ophthalmic Optics II	5
OPHT 155B	Geometric Optics	3
OPHT 201B	Ophthalmic Dispensing I	5
OPHT 202B	Contact Lenses I	3
OPHT 203B	Contact Lenses II	1
OPHT 220B	Theory of Refractometry	3
OPHT 223B	Ophthalmic Dispensing II	5
OPHT 232B	Opticianry Management Sales	3
OPHT 260B	Introduction to Low Vision	1
OPHT 291B	Clinical Applications III	3
OPHT 299B	Certificate Review	2

See Degree Plan on next page.

- NOTE**
- Course numbers with the “B” suffix may be non-transferable for a NSHE baccalaureate degree.
 - Course numbers with the “H” suffix are designated Honors-level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements. For more information visit www.csn.edu/honors.
 - In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement except for the Values and Diversity general education requirement (only AA, AS, and AB degrees) which may be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or emphasis requirement.
 - Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.



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FIRST SEMESTER	Credits
Complete Mathematics (see courses previous page)	3
OPHT 112B Anatomy and Physiology of the Eye and Related Structures	3
OPHT 121B Ophthalmic Optics I	5
OPHT 201B Ophthalmic Dispensing I	5
TOTAL CREDITS	16

SECOND SEMESTER	Credits
ENG 100 or 101 or 113	3-5
OPHT 123B Ophthalmic Optics II	5
OPHT 155B Geometric Optics	3
OPHT 223B Ophthalmic Dispensing II	5
TOTAL CREDITS	16-18

THIRD SEMESTER	Credits
AST 101 General Astronomy	3
TOTAL CREDITS	16

FOURTH SEMESTER	Credits
Complete Communications (see courses previous page)	3
ALS 101 College Success	3
OPHT 102B Introduction to Contact Lenses	3
OPHT 105B Introduction to Contact Lens Lab	1
OPHT 220B Theory of Refractometry	3
OPHT 291B Clinical Applications III ²	3
TOTAL CREDITS	16

FIFTH SEMESTER	Credits
SOC 101 Principles of Sociology	3
PSC 101 Introduction to American Politics	4
OPHT 202B Contact Lenses I	3
OPHT 203B Contact Lenses II	1
OPHT 232B Opticianry Management Sales ¹	3
OPHT 260B Introduction to Low Vision ¹	1
OPHT 299B Certificate Review ²	2

TOTAL CREDITS.....**17**
DEGREE PLAN TOTAL CREDITS.....**68-70**

¹OPHT 232B and OPHT 260B may be taken in the first or second spring semester.²OPHT 291B and OPHT 299B may be taken in the second fall or spring semester.