OPHTHALMIC DISPENSING

CAREER GUIDE

Job Description

Dispensing opticians may work in independent practices, corporate practices, hospital clinics, open their own practice, or as outside sales representatives. Dispensing opticians will fill a doctor's prescription for eyeglasses and low vision aids. Responsibilities include fitting, manufacturing, neutralizing, inspecting, dispensing, and repairing eyewear. Ophthalmic Dispensers must have computer skills, communication skills, and an understanding of medical-legal implications. The job market for dispensing opticians is strong, with many positions available across various shifts in private practices, corporate settings, and hospitals.

Career Opportunities

Independent/Private Practices	Optometrist Offices
Corporate Practices	Ophthalmologist Offices
Corporate Sales Representatives	Hospitals / Clinics

Program Description

This program is for individuals who are enrolled as Ophthalmic Dispensing Apprentices with the Nevada State Board of Dispensing Opticians. In addition to completing this course, apprentices must pass the ABO examination and complete the required number of apprenticeship hours as dictated by the state board. Individuals should contact the state board at (775) 433-1700 or info@nvopticians.org. This Certificate of Completion program is an open-entry program; a "Limited Entry Application for Admission to a Health Science Program" is **not** required. Students are required to take 6 courses totaling 26 credits. Courses include lectures, laboratory, and clinical practicum. Students who successfully complete this course path may take a national certification exam.

Approximate Cost

Tuition: 26 Credits x $133.50 per credit hour……..……. $3,471.00
Books……..……... $200.00
Lab Fees……..……. $25.00
ABO Exam Fee……..……. Contact ABO
NV Licensure……..……. Contact State Board
Health Insurance (only applies if presently uninsured) ……...…...…. $20-$190/month
Immunizations……..……..... $0-$600/month

College Application Fee……..……. $20.00
New Student fee……..……. $20.00
One-time, non-refundable fee charge to new students only.
Non-resident Fee……..……... $4,681.50 per semester
This is in addition to the tuition and technology fee and is assessed to non-resident students enrolling in 7 or more credit hours

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