CONTACT LENS TECHNICIAN

CAREER GUIDE

Job Description

Contact lens Technicians may work in independent practice or work under the direction of an ophthalmologist or optometrist. Contact Lens technicians fill a doctor's prescription for contact lenses. A patient must obtain a prescription for contact lenses from a physician. Responsibilities of the contact lens technician include contact lens fitting, handling, and modifying contact lenses, as well as providing follow-up care for their patients. Contact lens technicians must have computer and communication skills, and an understanding of medical-legal implications. The job market for technicians is good, with many jobs available on various shifts in private practices, corporate entities, 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 preparing for the NCLE certification, the Nevada State Board of Dispensing Opticians exam, and ophthalmic assistant training. In addition to completing this course, contact lens apprentices must pass the NCLE examination and complete the required number of apprenticeship hours as dictated by the state board. They will also be required to take the state board's written and practical examinations. Individuals should contact the state board at (775) 433-1700 or info@nvopticians.org. This Certificate of Completion program is an open-entry program; therefore, a "Limited Entry Application for Admission to a Health Science Program" is not required. Students are required to take 5 courses consisting of 11 total credits. Courses include lectures, laboratory, and clinical practicum.

Approximate Cost

Tuition: 11 Credits x $133.50 per credit hour $1,468.50
Books $200.00
Lab Fees $25.00
NCLE Exam Fee ..... Contact NCLE
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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