



Center for Health Professionals
Optician



- What is an optician?

- Optical Assistants are professionals who work alongside optometrists or ophthalmologists. Students will learn how to assist with vision tests, demonstrate patient care for contact lenses, administrative tasks and patient records. Students will also gain experience with contact lenses fitting.

- Employers?

- Offices of optometrists
- Health and personal care stores
- Offices of physicians
- Department stores

- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), employment of opticians is projected to grow 7 percent from 2018 to 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations.
- Salaries vary depending on experience, hours, and location. The median annual wage for opticians was \$37,010 in May 2018 (\$17.80 per hour).
- An aging population and increasing rates of chronic disease are expected to lead to greater demand for corrective eyewear.

- As a optician, you have many options to grow professionally and expand your career. There are two types of optician career paths you can follow:
 - Broadening your Role
 - Become a Certified Optician
 - Become an Ophthalmic technician (2 year degree)
 - Become an Optometrist (Doctor of Optometry) OD
 - Become an Ophthalmologist (Doctor of Medicine) MD
 - Shift your focus
 - Become an office manager
 - Become an educator
 - Become a thought leader, consultant, speaker or sales representative

Program Overview

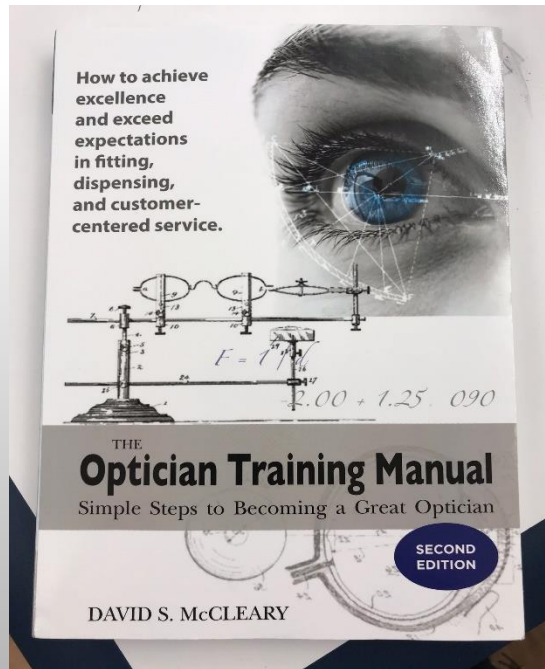


- 120-hour program, ONLINE
 - Includes lab and lecture (blackboard)
- Non-credit program
- **Summer 2020**
 - May 25 to August 26, 2020
 - ONLINE
- Requirements: Students must have a high school diploma or equivalent to enroll in the program

- The Optician training program prepares students to enter a growing profession in a variety of eye care settings and to sit for the National Opticianry Competency Exam (NOCE) offered through the American Board of Opticianry (ABO).
- Check website for next available exam dates
- PSI Testing Centers
- Exam Fee \$225
- 125 multiple-choice questions - 2 hours
- If you do not pass your exam the first time, you will need to wait 6 months to retake and pay the exam fee (\$225) again.
- <https://reg.testrac.com/aboregistration/assets/ABO-NCLE%20Basic%20Exam%20Handbook.07.28.17.pdf>

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\$30.00

Tuition and Payment Options



- Tuition: \$650 (Textbooks not included)

*Additional college registration and technology fees may apply

Textbooks can be purchased through the Triton College Bookstore Online.

- You have **3 business days** prior to the start of class to contact the school and cancel the class to receive a full refund. If you do not cancel the class or simply do not attend, you are still responsible for the tuition, which will go to collections if not paid. No-shows do not count as cancellations.

- Payment Plan

- <http://www.triton.edu>
- Log into My Triton Portal
- Log into Web Advisor for students
- Click on financial Information
- Click on FACTS Tuition Payment Plan

Last day to enroll online	Required down payment	# of Payments	Months of payments
May 27	30%	3	June-Aug
June 24	30%	2	July - Aug
July 27	50%	1	August only

- **Career Services Department:**

- WIOA Grant (Cook County resident – must be receiving unemployment)
- (708)456-0300 ext. 3151

- **Adult Education Department:**

- Westlake Scholarship (GED students, HS Diploma from another country)
- Meaghan Young Stephens meaghanyoung@triton.edu

- **Veterans Office:**

- GI Bill or Military Veteran
- (708)456-0300 ext. 3651/3531

Key areas and topics include

- Introduction Ophthalmic Optics
- Ocular Anatomy, Physiology and Pathway
- Ophthalmic Products
- Instrumentation
- Dispensing Procedures
- Diagnostic Contact Lens fitting
- Laws and Regulations
- Customer Service
- Patient Privacy

Evaluation and Grade Determination

Student Performance will be evaluated utilizing the following analysis:

- Attendance and class participation
- Quizzes
- Midterm
- Final Exam

It is vital that each student recognize this course is a pass/fail class.



School of Continuing Education Refund Policy

- 100% refund up to three business days (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) prior to the start of the class. No refunds will be granted after this time. No-shows do not constitute cancellation.
- Requests for exception to the refund policy must be stated in writing on a General Petition or letter to the Dean, Continuing Education Department and submitted to A-201 within one calendar year of the semester in dispute.

- **The Center for Access and Accommodative Services**

- Campus Access
- Special Parking and/or Class Re-location
- Accommodated Testing
- Note Taking Assistance
- Assistive Technology
- Assistive Computer Software
- Sign Language Interpreting
- Assistive Reading Software
- Workshops
- Student Connections
- Adapted Equipment
- Mobility Assistance
- Alternate Text Format
- Voice-to-Text Services
- Advocacy

- **Bookstore**

- **Career Services – WIA grant, resume writing assistance, interview skills**

- **Health services**

- **Student Life**

- **Counseling**

- **Police Department**

- **Tutoring (Academic Success Center)**

Concluding the Course



- Prepare your resume & cover letter – Career Services Department, A building (schedule appointment)

- Start applying for jobs:
<http://www.triton.edu/Utility.aspx?pageid=524&id=27309>

Contact Information



- **To Register please contact:**

- **Continuing Education Center for Health Professionals**

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Questions?



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Registration Form



Continuing Education Registration Form

Please print.

Male Female

For Visa, MasterCard or American Express payment only:
(circle one)

Social Security number _____

Name _____
last first middle

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____
home work/alternative

Birth date _____

Signature _____

Credit card number _____

Expiration date _____ Total amount of tuition _____

Signature of cardholder _____

Email Address: _____

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