



OPHTHALMIC TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATION (EYE-CARE ASSISTANT)

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The Ophthalmic Technology Certificate prepares students to work as part of the health care team in the growing and fascinating fields of ophthalmology and optometry.

As an ophthalmic assistant you will assist the eye physician in a variety of diagnostic and technical tasks. Portions of this curriculum will involve on-site internships at participating vision care practices and hands-on training in the school's optical laboratory. This program was designed to specifically prepare students for immediate employment in the field and to sit for the Certified Ophthalmic Assistant (COA) entry level examination as administered by the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO). As an ophthalmic assistant you will enjoy being part of a team in a career that offers both flexibility and growth.

This program is pending approval from the Higher Learning Commission. Approved by the Ohio Board of Regents.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be a high school graduate with a grade point average (GPA) of at least a 2.3, or a general equivalency (GED) recipient with a score of 530 (score of 53 prior to 2002). If an applicant's GPA or GED score is below the minimum, he/she may be eligible for admission under transfer credit guidelines.

Transfer Student Guidelines: A transfer student must be a high school graduate or a GED recipient and have earned a minimum of 12 credit hours of college coursework from a regionally accredited college, with a GPA of at least 2.3. For applicants who have attended more than one regionally accredited college, GPA/s from all colleges must combine to equal at least a 2.3.

Applicants must have completed and passed the following high school courses, or their college equivalents with a grade of "C" or better.

- English-three units
- Math-two units
- Social Studies-two units

Applicants must demonstrate knowledge and skills of basic computer knowledge and functions through a College assessment test. Those who do not meet minimum requirements will be expected to take CIS101, preferably in the first semester.

Possess American Heart Association CPR certification-valid prior to the start of EYE 110 with current certification maintained through the completion of clinical rotations.

Physical exam, immunization records and a negative TB test will be required before practicum begins.

CURRICULUM

See backside.



TO REGISTER:

Please submit a college application (you may print one online at www.mercycollege.edu/continuing-education/. Scroll down and click on *Ophthalmic Technology* then *Mail-In Application*. Include \$25 for the application fee and mail your official transcripts. Admission is competitive and the most qualified applicants are considered first. Admission is not guaranteed. You will be notified in writing.

CURRICULUM

Semester IA (First 8 weeks of semester)

Course Name	Credit Hours:	Lecture	Lab	Practicum	Total
EYE 100 Ocular Medical Terminology, Anatomy and Physiology	2				2
EYE 101 Introduction to Ophthalmic Technology	2				2
EYE 103 Ophthalmic Lab 1			2(1:2hr ratio)		

Semester IB (Second 8 weeks of semester)

Course Name	Credit Hours:	Lecture	Lab	Practicum	Total
EYE 104 Ocular Diseases	2				2
EYE 106 Ophthalmic Lab II			6(1:2hr ratio)		3
CIS 101 Introduction to Keyboarding and Computers	1*				1*

Semester II

Course Name	Credit Hours:	Lecture	Lab	Practicum	Total
EYE 109 Ophthalmic Capstone	1.5				1.5
EYE 110 Ophthalmic Practicum (495 hrs)				33 (1:6 ratio)	5.5

Total Credit Hours 17/18*

*Computer course required if applicant does not pass computer assessment.

QUESTIONS?

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