

***Ophthalmic Dispensing
Certificate of Completion Program
For Registered Apprentices***

What courses are required?

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| OPHT 121B | Ophthalmic Optics I | 5 Credits |
| OPHT 123B | Ophthalmic Optics II | 5 Credits |
| OPHT 201B | Ophthalmic Dispensing I | 5 Credits |
| OPHT 223B | Ophthalmic Dispensing II | 5 Credits |
| OPHT 112B | Anatomy & Physiology of the Eye | 3 Credits |
| OPHT 155B | Geometric Optics | 3 Credits |
| | | Total 26 Credits |

This training program is designed to prepare students to prepare for the ABO examination. **This training program has been approved by the Nevada Board of Dispensing Opticians as a substitute for the CPP requirement for apprentice opticians.** Apprentice opticians must complete the apprentice hours required by the state board in conjunction with this training program as part of the eligibility requirements for taking the State Board Examination.

When, where, and how long are these courses?

The optical courses may be offered during spring and/or fall semester. Refer to your current semester schedule to verify when and where these courses are being held. **A clinical practicum consisting of 240 hours of training at a specified clinical site is required for program completion. Additionally, 180 hours of laboratory training must be completed by the student.**

Are there any prerequisites?

Students should possess good verbal and written communication skills and must be able to perform basic mathematical functions (i.e., apply formulas, convert to metric units, and solve for unknown variables). Students may be required to show proof of health insurance and immunization against Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Tetanus, and Diphtheria. In addition, proof of a negative TB skin test and negative urine drug screen may be required prior to the first clinical experience. **Prior to enrolling in this program, students must contact Scott Helkaa at (702) 651-5834.**

Do I have to enroll in all at the same time?

You will take OPHT 112B, OPHT 121B and OPHT 201B in your first semester. During the second semester you will take OPHT 123B, OPHT 223B, and OPHT 155B. Traditionally this program takes two semesters to complete, however you may take more time to complete the courses if needed.

Can these courses be applied to the AAS Ophthalmic Dispensing program?

Yes, provided that the following guidelines are adhered to:

- The courses were successfully completed.
- The student meets a Program Director prior to the deadline.
- The student attends a Health Programs Orientation and Limited Entry Workshop
- The student meets a Health Programs Advisor prior to application deadline.
- The student submits a completed application packet to the Limited Entry Office prior to the application deadline.
- The student has been officially accepted into the Associate of Applied Science Ophthalmic Dispensing Program.