

OPHTHALMIC DISPENSING

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Job Description

Dispensing opticians may work in independent practices, corporate practices, hospital clinics, open their own practice, or as outside sales representative. Dispensing opticians will fill a doctor’s prescription for eyeglasses and low vision aids. Responsibilities include fitting eyewear, manufacturing eyewear, repairing eyewear, and dispensing eyewear. Ophthalmic Dispensers must have computer skills, 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

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| Private Practice | Optometrist Office |
| Corporate Practices | Ophthalmologist Office |
| Independent Practice | Corporate Sales Reps |
| Optical Manufacturing Facilities | 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 take and pass the ABO examination, and complete the number of apprenticeship hours as dictated by the state board. Individuals should contact the state board at (775) 689-0132. 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 6 courses consisting of 26 total credits. Courses include lecture, laboratory, and clinical practicum. Students successfully completing this course may take a national certifying exam.



Approximate Cost

Tuition:	
26 credits X \$115.50 per credit hr.	\$3,003.00
Books	\$200.00
Lab Fees	\$25.00
ABO exam Fee	Call ABO
NV Licensure	Call State Board
Health Insurance	\$20.00-\$190.00/month
Applies only if you are presently uninsured	
Immunizations.....	\$0 - \$600.00.
College Admission Fee	\$20.00
One-time, non-refundable fee charged to new students only.	
Non-resident Fee	\$4,049.50 per semester
This is in addition to the tuition and technology fee and is assessed to nonresident students enrolling in 7 or more credit hours.	