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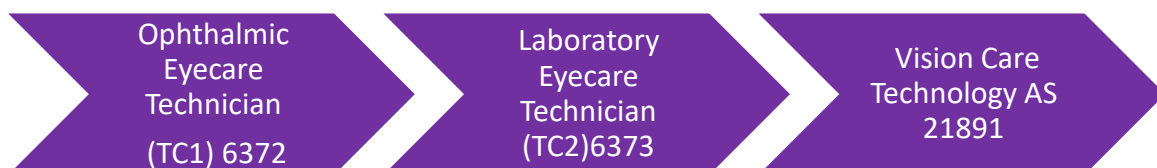
Career Pathway: Health Sciences

Location(s): General Education courses are offered at al BC locations. Program specific courses are at the North Campus.

Program Entrance Requirements: This is a limited access program. Students are required to complete a supplemental application and meet specific criteria. Please click here for more information.

Program Description: The Associate Degree Programs in Vision Care Technology provides the student with the opportunity to develop competency in skills relative to patient eye care. An Optician plays a vital role in the fitting and adapting of corrective lenses and other optical devices to aid vision and correct ocular deficiencies. To accomplish this, the Optician must use scientific and clinical procedures and apply learned skills to correctly produce and fit quality eyewear and contact lenses. The curriculum has been designed to train the student in the laboratory techniques of measuring, grinding, fitting, and adapting to eyewear, and preliminary examination pre- testing evaluation. Visit the program's website for additional information.

Additional Program Information: One cohort of 25 students is admitted each August. A final grade of "C" or higher must be achieved in each Vision Care Technology course for continuance in the Program. A student who withdraws or is withdrawn from Vision Care Technology course shall refer to College Policy 6Hx2-5.33 and Procedure A6Hx2-5.33 on Re-entry into a Health Sciences Program and/or program guidelines. Reentry to a Program will be based upon space availability. Only one reentry will be allowed. The student who reenters must maintain a "C" or higher in each Vision Care Technology course to continue in a Program. The student receiving a grade of "D" or "F" in any course after reentry will result in permanent dismissal from the BC Vision Care Technology Programs.

Ophthalmic Eyecare Technician (TC1) 6372 → Laboratory Eyecare Technician (TC2)6373 → Vision Care Technology AS 21891

Build Your Education

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE					
	Course ID	**Description**	**Credits**	**TC 1**	**TC 2**
General Education Requirements	MGF1106 or	Foundations of Mathematical Reasoning			
	MAC1105	College Algebra	3	x	X
	ENC 1101	English Composition I	3		X
	GE Course	General Education Humanities	3		
	CGS1060C	Computer and Internet Literacy	3	x	X
General Education Requirements	BSC1005	General Biology	3		X
	PSY2012	General Psychology #	3		X
	SPC1608 or	Public Speaking or			
	SPC1024	Introduction to Speech communications	3		X
Apply to the Program (By June 29th)	**Students earn points by the successful completion of the select courses listed above, see Health Science Admission Criteria for additional details.**				
Full Time	**REQUIRED PROGRAM CORE COURSE SEQUENCE**				
Term 1	OPT1210	A and P of the Eye	3	X	x
	OPT1110	Physical and Geometric Optics	3	X	x
	OPT1110L	Physical and Geometric Optics Lab	1	X	x
	OPT1330	Orientation to Vision Care	2	X	x
	OPT1150	Ophthalmic Lenses*	2	X	x
	OPT1150L	Ophthalmic Lenses Lab*	2	X	x
	OPT2090	Orientation to Vision Care Lab	2	X	x
	OPT2375	Refractometry*	3		x
	OPT2879	Refractometry Lab	2		X
Term 3	OPT1450	Ophthalmic Dispensing Procedures*	2		
	OPT1450L	Ophthalmic Dispensing Procedures Lab*	2		
	OPT2500	Contact Lens Theory*	2		X
	OPT2500L	Contact Lens Theory Lab*	2		X
	OPT2800L	Vision Care Clinic I*	2		X
Term 4	OPT2420	Eyewear Fabrication I *	1	x	
	OPT2420L	Eyewear Fabrication I Lab *	2	x	
	OPT2830L	Contact Lens Clinic I *	2		X
	OPT2460	Ophthalmic Dispensing Clinic I *	2		X
	OPT2875	Ophthalmic Dispensing Practicum I *	2		
Term 5	OPT2421	Eyewear Fabrication II *	1		
	OPT2421L	Eyewear Fabrication II Lab *	2		
	OPT2831L	Contact Lens Clinic II *	2		
	OPT2461	Ophthalmic Dispensing Clinic II *	2		
	OPT2876	Ophthalmic Dispensing Practicum II *	2		
	OPT2060	Ophthalmic Management and Practice *	3		
		Total Credit Hours	72	24	48

Note: Many courses have specific pre-requisite and co-requisite requirements that must be followed. Students are encouraged to consult the Course Information Table for a detailed list of all requisite requirements. *Counts as writing credit. #Other General Education courses may be substituted since these are only recommended courses, speak with your advisor for more information. **Students are strongly encouraged to meet with an** advisor **to create a personalized educational plan.**

CHOOSE YOUR COURSES

Program Highlights

Credit for Prior Learning: Accelerate your path to completion with these options:
- Credit by exam
- Industry Certifications
- Prior Learning Assessment
- And much more…

Related Industry Certifications: Upon completing this program, graduates will be eligible to sit for the following industry certifications/licenses:
- ABO American Board of Optician
- NCLE National Contact Lens Examination
- Florida Licensed Dispensing Optician examination (LDO)

Externship Experience: The Vision Care Technology has affiliation agreements for externship experiences with various optical establishments in Broward County. Also, explore hundreds of career videos and career profiles through Virtual Job Shadow.

Get an Internship   Virtual Job Shadow Tool

Median Wage and Job Growth Outlook: Broward College has Career Coach & the Career Ladders. These tools are designed to help you find a good career by providing the most current local data on wages, employment, job postings, and associated education and training. Learn how to climb your career ladder!

Fund Your Education:
This Program is Financial Aid eligible. Scholarships may be available.

Get Started Today!

START APPLICATION