



Associate of Science in Vision Care Technology/Opticianry - 21891

CAREER PATHWAY: [HEALTH SCIENCES](#)

Location(s): [General Education courses are offered at all 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:

The program offers prior learning assessment (PLA) - work experience for course credit. Individuals with at least three years of work experience in the Ophthalmic industry could be eligible. Please contact a prior learning assessment advisor or the program manager for more information.

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Technical College Articulation Agreement- Students that have graduated with an optometric technician certification from a local technical college could receive course credit. Please see prior assessment advisor or the program manager Mmckie@broward.edu.

The vision care program admits a cohort of 25 students each August. A final grade of "C" or higher must be achieved in each Vision Care Technology courses for continuance in the Program. Students are required to be informed of the withdrawal dates. 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.

*Technical Certificates represents a subset of specific Health Science courses within degree programs and are not awarded to students as a stand-alone certificate for employment purposes.

*Ophthalmic Eyecare Technician
(TC1) 6372*

*Laboratory Eyecare
Thecnician (TC2) 6373*

*Vision Care Technology
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RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

Full Time	Course ID	Description	Credits	TC 1	TC 2
General Education Requirements	MGF1106 <u>OR</u> MAC1105	Foundations of Mathematical Reasoning <u>OR</u> College Algebra	3	X	X
	MAC1105C*	College Algebra with Co-requisite			
	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
	GE Course	General Education Speech	3		X

REQUIRED PROGRAM COURSE SEQUENCE

Full Time	Course ID	Description	Credits	TC 1	TC 2
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.			
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

Notes: * MAC1105C is a 5-credit course. Students who register for this course must see an advisor to discuss their academic plan. 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. *Other General Education courses may be allowable as these are 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

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

Accelerate your path to completion with these options:

- Credit by exam
- Earned 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)



GET AN INTERNSHIP

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

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