

Eye Care Technician

Certified Paraoptometric (CPO)

Collaboration with
American Optometric
Association



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**100s of jobs remain unfilled due to a shortage of trained
Eye Care Technicians!**

**This course is the first step on your career ladder to
become an Optician, Frame Stylist, or Paraoptometric
Coding Specialist**

- 45-hours instruction and skills lab plus 12 hours guest lectures by local optometrists
- Concurrent minimum of 16- hour job shadowing at local optometrists and industry experts
- All successful completers are eligible for paid on-the-job training
- Top 2 course completers will be offered paid summer work-experience in one of the largest optical labs in Northern California.

COURSE DATE

February 26 – May 8, 2019

Tuesdays and Thursdays

5:30 – 8:30 PM

PREREQUISITES:

- Must pass a CASAS assessment test
- Attend a Free Orientation (check website for dates)
- Minimum of 8TH grade math skills



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Career Definition for an Eye Care Technician

Eye Care Technicians perform a variety of tasks to assist the optometrist in eye examinations and corrective procedures.

- They record patient medical histories and help prepare the patient for the vision examination.
- They also assist with tests that help ensure the accurate diagnosis and treatment of a diseased eye.
 - patient pre-testing such as visual acuity,
 - color vision,
 - depth perception,
 - pupil reflexes,
 - visual field testing,
 - pressure inside the eye,
 - blood pressure
- They are in charge of making sure that the patient understands the proper care and use of glasses and contact lenses that the doctor has prescribed.
- Eye Care Technicians are sometimes called upon to assist with eye exercises and vision therapy.
- Other work activities include
 - maintaining records and schedules,
 - assisting the patient with frame selection,
 - maintaining inventory of supplies,
 - helping make and repair eyeglasses,
 - cleaning sophisticated ocular equipment.



These eye health care technicians are usually supervised by an optometrist and face few hazards on the job. Individuals interested in becoming an Eye Care Technician should have excellent communication skills, be able to handle hectic schedules, be highly organized and self-motivated, and be able to rely on their own judgment.



Work Environment:

The majority of Eye Care Technicians work in optometrists' offices with other optometric professionals. The typical workweek is 40 hours long and may include evenings or weekend depending on the patients' needs. Part-time positions may also be available in this profession.

Career Outlook:

Employment opportunities for Eye Care Technicians should be excellent over the next decade with a projected growth rate of over 20 %. The demand will continue to increase because of the growing elderly population in this country. As the baby boom generation grows older, more vision care specialists will be needed to keep up with the demand. Employment opportunities will also become available as people within the profession retire or leave the workplace for other reasons.

