

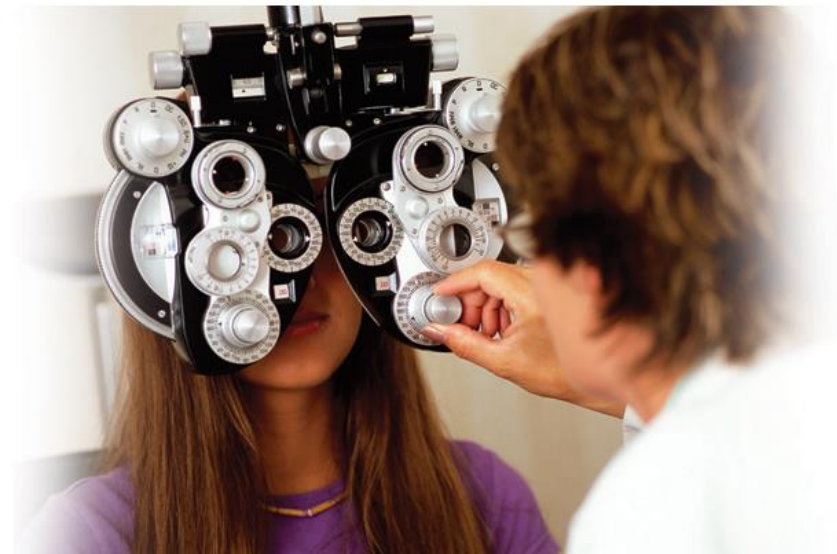


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Ophthalmic Technology INFORMATION SESSION





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Academic Advising

<https://www.triton.edu/admissions-aid/advising/>

Counseling Department

<https://www.triton.edu/students/counseling/>

The Counseling Department is committed to student success by empowering individuals to identify and achieve personal, academic and career goals.

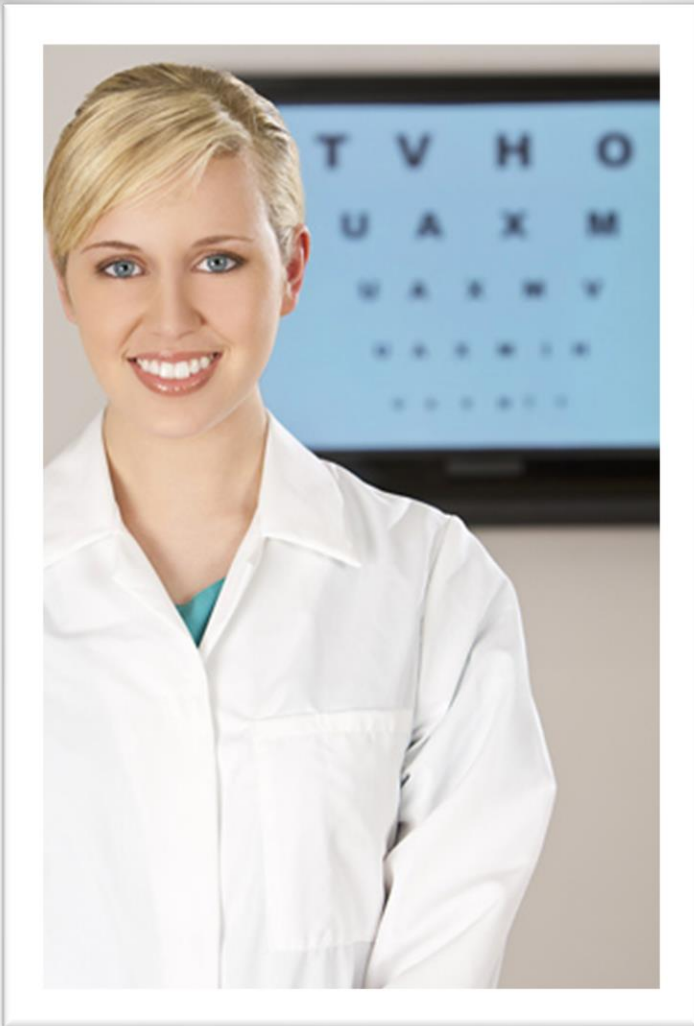


- Triton College's Ophthalmic Technician Program is the only accredited program in Illinois.
- The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Ophthalmic Medical Programs.
- You can find more information about accreditation at ICAccreditation.org





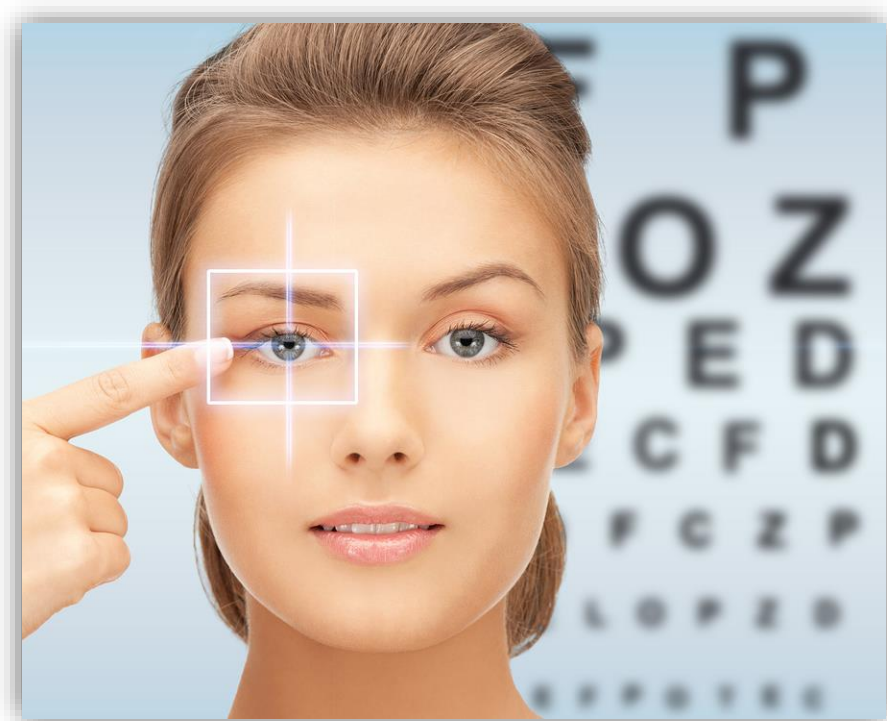
Ophthalmic Technicians



- Measure Visual Acuity, Visual Fields and Intraocular Pressure along with a variety of other diagnostic tests to assist the ophthalmologist in making a correct diagnosis.
- Perform preliminary testing on patients before they see the doctor.
- Assist the ophthalmologist in minor surgery and LASER procedures.



- Work in a fast paced environment and spend a lot of time on their feet.
- Move into many rooms and perform professional tasks in small or tight spaces.
- Work with many instruments which require good manual dexterity, fine motor skills and eye-hand coordination.
- Requires excellent communication skills.



- Must be able to grasp, hold, manipulate in order to operate professional instrumentation.
- Must hear verbal communication from patients and members of the health team.
- Must have corrected visual acuity sufficient to read documents, books, patient charts and instrument data.
- Must be comfortable working in close physical proximity to patients of all ages.



Ophthalmic Technicians work at:

- University Departments of Ophthalmology
- Ophthalmology Clinics and Private Practices
- Hospital Departments of Ophthalmology
- Ophthalmic surgical and equipment companies. (sales and training)
- Computer software Companies for Electronic Medical Records (sales and training)




Clinical Practicum

Ophthalmic Technician students must complete a clinical practicum course. In order to successfully complete the Clinical Practicum, students must:

- Complete a medical clearance process including proof of vaccinations and proof of medical insurance.
- Some sites require background checks and fingerprinting.
- Provider CPR with BLS and First Aid through the American Heart Association is required for Clinical Practicum.
- Provide their own transportation to a variety of clinical sites. Clinical hours begin in the morning.
- Long public transportation commutes may be impossible.
 - Purchase a clinical uniform.
 - Additional requirements as necessary.





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- Triton College's Ophthalmic Technician Program is a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree program.
 - New students are accepted and admitted in the fall of each school year.
 - There are no pre-requisite courses for the program.
 - Ophthalmic Technician, Allied Health and General Studies courses are required in order to complete the program.



- Graduates of the Ophthalmic Technician program are eligible for the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO) Certification.
- While this certification is not legally required to work as an Ophthalmic Technician, there are many employers who require it.



Admissions Process

- Attend an Information Session
- Complete Triton College application
- Submit official High School and College transcripts
- Take College placement test
- Complete application for the Ophthalmic Technician program



Ophthalmic Technician Curriculum

Semester One

Introduction to Patient Care
Essentials of Medical Terminology
Drug Calculations
Human Biology/Human Anatomy
Ocular Anatomy and Physiology
Ophthalmic Optics
Rhetoric & Composition I

Semester Two

Ethics and Law for Applied Health
Spectacle Skills
Ocular Pharmacology
Ophthalmic Procedures I
Introduction to Psychology

Semester Three

Refractometry
Clinical Practicum I

Semester Four

Principles of Effective Speaking
Ophthalmic Procedures II
Ophthalmic Seminar I
Contact Lenses
Clinical Practicum II

Semester Five

Ocular Disease
Ophthalmic Seminar II
Clinical Practicum III
Ophthalmic Procedures III
General Education/ Humanities



IN-DISTRICT TUITION RATES

- Some courses have additional fees (lab fees, student fees, travel, scrubs, etc.)
- Please refer to Triton's catalog for credit hour price

Because we are the only accredited Ophthalmic Technician program in Illinois, all students will get an in-district rate through the Illinois Community College Agreement.

- It is required to fill out an agreement form at YOUR in-district college.
- Get approval, stating they don't offer an Ophthalmic Technician Program.
- Get the in-district rate per credit!



Employment Outlook

- The job market for Ophthalmic Technicians is good and graduates earn an annual salary of about \$43,000 per year.
- Graduates work in hospital ophthalmology departments, eye clinics and private practices



Thank you!

Please call or email
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questions you
have.

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