

Contact Lens Training

Certificate of Completion Program

What courses are required?

OPHT 102B	Introduction to Contact Lenses	3 Credits
OPHT 105B	Introduction to Contact Lens Lab	1 Credit
OPHT 112B	Anatomy & Physiology of the Eye	3 Credits
OPHT 202B	Contact Lens I	3 Credits
OPHT 203B	Contact Lens II	1 Credit

Total 11 Credits

This training program is designed to assist individuals in preparing for the NCLE examinations, CLSA Honored Fellow Examination, and the Nevada State Board of Dispensing Opticians–Licensure Examination. Program emphasizes both theoretical and hands on clinical experience.

When, where, and how long are these courses?

The contact lens courses are offered during Fall and Spring semester. Refer to your current semester schedule to verify when and where these courses are being held. **A clinical practicum consisting of 90 hours of training at a specified clinical site is required for program completion.**

Are there any prerequisites?

Students should possess good verbal and written communication skills and must be able to perform basic mathematical functions (i.e., calculate percentages and apply formulas to convert to metric units and military time). Students must also show proof of health insurance, immunizations as specified by the clinical affiliate, and have completed the Ophthalmic Dispensing COC program. **Prior to enrolling in this program, students must contact Scott Helkaa at (702) 651-5834.**

Do I have to enroll in all courses at the same time?

No. You will take OPHT 102B, OPHT 105B and OPHT 112B in the Fall semester and OPHT 202B and OPHT 203B in the following Spring semester.

Can these courses be applied to the AAS Ophthalmic Dispensing program?

Yes, provided that the following guidelines are adhered to:

- The courses are successfully completed.
- The student meets a Program Director prior to deadline.
- The student attends a Health Programs Orientation and Limited Entry Workshop
- The student meets a Health Program advisor prior to application deadline.
- The student submits a completed application packet to the Limited Entry Office prior to the application deadline.
- The student has been officially accepted into the Associate of Applied Science Ophthalmic Dispensing Program.

If I want to fit contact lenses in the state of Nevada, what do I do?

You must first obtain your NCLE certification. You will also have to complete an apprenticeship as dictated by the state board. After all these requirements are met, you will take a written and practical examination administered by the Nevada State Board of Dispensing Opticians. You must speak with the program director prior to starting this program. The Program director's phone number is (702) 651-5834. The program director's office is in A building, office 158H, West Charleston Campus.