

Optical Laboratory Technician Certificate of Completion Program

What courses are required?

OPHT 121B	Ophthalmic Optics I	5 Credits
OPHT 121L	Ophthalmic Optics I Lab	0 Credits
OPHT 123B	Ophthalmic Optics II	5 Credits
OPHT 123L	Ophthalmic Optics II Lab	<u>0 Credits</u>
Total 10 Credits		

This training program is designed to assist individuals gain entry-level positions in an optical surfacing or finishing laboratory. Training includes theory and hands on laboratory experience.

When, where, and how long are these courses?

The Optical Laboratory Technician courses are offered during spring and/or fall semester. Refer to your current semester schedule to verify when and where these courses are being held. **A Laboratory practicum consisting of 180 hours of training in the on-campus laboratory 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., apply formulas, convert metric units, solve for an unknown variable). Students may be required to show proof of health insurance and immunization against Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, Tetanus, and Diphtheria. 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?

In the first semester you will take OPHT 121B and the co-requisite OPHT 121L. During your second semester you will take OPHT 123B and 123L.

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.

Do I have to take an exam after completion of the program?

No, however students are encouraged to continue their training by enrolling in the other optical training programs available at CSN. Upon completion of the A.A.S. degree students are encouraged to take the national certification examinations (ABO/NCLE) and the Nevada Board of Dispensing Opticians Licensure Examination.