

## Vocational Training Programs

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Cape Coral Technical College – Assistant Program Code 129	
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<p><b>Program description:</b> The Optometric Assisting program at Cape Coral Technical College offers a sequence of courses that provides coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in the optometry field; provides technical skill proficiency, and includes competency-based applied learning that contributes to the academic knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem-solving skills, work attitudes, general employability skills, technical skills, and occupation-specific skills, and knowledge of all aspects of optometric assisting careers.</p> <p>The content includes but is not limited to basic instruction on eye anatomy, vision testing, contact lenses, frame types and parts, frame fitting and dispensing of visual devices, front office procedures and patient billing procedures. Students will get "hands-on" experience through clinical externship and will obtain a certification in CPR and Basic Life Support.</p>	
The Community College of Philadelphia – Ophthalmic Technician Program Code 128	
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<b>Phone:</b> 215.751-8000	<b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.ccp.edu/college-catalog/degree-programs/proficiency-certificate/ophthalmic-assistant-proficiency-certificate">https://www.ccp.edu/college-catalog/degree-programs/proficiency-certificate/ophthalmic-assistant-proficiency-certificate</a>
<p><b>Program Description:</b> This program of study prepares students to become ophthalmic assistants who will work under the supervision of optometrists or ophthalmologists to provide patient care by performing many different eye- and vision-related clinical functions. Ophthalmic assistants take patient histories, perform the pre-testing and follow-up eye and vision examinations, provide patient education, and perform basic front office duties such as telephone triage and medical billing and coding.</p> <p>Upon graduation, ophthalmic assistants may work in optometry practices, ophthalmology practices; optical dispensaries; optical laboratories; health care and optical equipment businesses; lens, frame or contact lens companies; and pharmaceutical companies.</p> <p>The program courses are offered at the College's Northwest Regional Center with clinical experiences at The Eye Institute of Salus University and on-site in the OPH laboratory.</p>	
Tri-Service Optician School (TOPS) Program Code 126	
Naval Weapons Station Yorktown 160 Main Rd, Ste 350 Yorktown VA 23691-9984	<b>Program Director:</b> TOPS Director of Training - 757.887.7456 <b>Email:</b> Unknown

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<b>Program Description:</b> The Tri-Service Optician School teaches the art of Opticianry to students potentially from all branches of the military service.	
<b>Madison Area Technical College – Assistant Program Code 102 / Technician Program Code 202</b>	
Madison, Truax Campus, Health Building, 103 1705 Hoffman Street Madison, WI 53704	<b>Program Director:</b> Ann Hayden-Finger, CPOT <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:ahaydenfinger@madisoncollege.edu">ahaydenfinger@madisoncollege.edu</a>
<b>Phone:</b> 608.246.6065 800.322.6282 ext. 6065	<b>Website:</b> <a href="https://madisoncollege.edu/program/optometric-technician">https://madisoncollege.edu/program/optometric-technician</a> <b>Online Program:</b> <a href="https://madisoncollege.edu/program/optometric-technician-online">https://madisoncollege.edu/program/optometric-technician-online</a>
<b>Program Description:</b> The Optometric Technician Program at Madison Area Technical College is a technical diploma course that has been providing quality training for over 30 years. There are two ways to achieve your technical diploma.  <u>Online Program:</u> Persons already employed in eye care may enroll in the program delivered via the internet. The online program is only offered via a part-time schedule (course work is taken over four semesters) and new students are admitted each August and January.  <u>Classroom Program:</u> The classroom program can be completed in nine months of full-time study. New students are admitted into the classroom-based program every August.	
<b>Miami Valley Career Technology Center – Technician Program Code 212</b>	
Adult Education 6801 Hoke Rd Clayton OH 45315	<b>Program Director:</b> No information available <b>Email:</b>
<b>Phone:</b> 937.837.7781	<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.mvctc.com/ae/programs/career/ot">http://www.mvctc.com/ae/programs/career/ot</a>
<b>Program Description:</b> The Eye Care Assistant program trains the Ophthalmic Assistant to become a key member of the healthcare team and provide quality eye care to patients in eye care facilities. Job responsibilities taught include: obtaining vision measurements for glasses, administering eye exercises, taking medical histories, providing contact lens instruction, conducting diagnostic tests, and learning office management procedures.  <i>ACT Workkeys Levels required for admission: Workplace Documents Level 4; Applied Mathematics Level 4; Graphic Literacy Level 4</i>  <u>Program Goals</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a knowledge base essential for the duties of the ophthalmic assistant, and utilize these skills in providing safe, prudent care to meet patients’ needs</li> <li>• Provide professional and ethical training of students in classroom and clinical settings</li> <li>• Experience the roles and responsibilities of the ophthalmic assistant through a clinical rotation</li> </ul>	

- Demonstrate skillful and accurate data collection to be used by the ophthalmologist or optometrist for diagnostic purposes
- Demonstrate competency and critical thinking in the performance of ophthalmic assistant skills and office procedures
- Demonstrate knowledge and skills required to pass the Certified Ophthalmic Assistant Examination

Courses Taught:

*Professional Skills, Basic Ocular Anatomy, Physiology, and Terminology, Basic Ophthalmic Testing, Intermediate Ophthalmic Testing, Advanced Ophthalmic Testing, Ophthalmic Optics, Advanced Optics and Refractometry, Ocular Disorders/Pathophysiology & Ocular Pharmacology 1 and 2, Contact Lens Dispensing, Office Management Procedures, Advanced Contact Lens Dispensing, Senior Seminar, Clinical Rotations*

**McFatter Technical College & High School Assistant Program Code 127**

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**Program Description:**

OPTOMETRIC ASSISTING 1080 Hours | 10 Month | Hybrid | Approx. Total Cost \$4183 Enrollment: August If you have ever considered a career that makes a difference in the lives of others, a career as a vital member of the optometry field will offer many rewards. The increased demand for those needing glasses and contact lenses has resulted in numerous employment opportunities in vision care. Through our program, students will learn the skills necessary to assist eye care specialists in the diagnosis and treatment of vision deficiencies and develop a thorough understanding of the equipment, materials and procedures used in the field. Students will participate in McFatter’s onsite vision clinic, as well as an off-campus clinical rotation during the program.

**McFatter Technical College (Adult Learning) Assistant Program Code 110**

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**Program Description:**

The Optometric Assisting program at McFatter Technical College prepares students for a very rewarding career in Vision Care. Students learn the skills necessary to perform visual acuity, cover test, near point of convergence, pupil evaluation, stereopsis and much more. Optometric instruments learned include visual field analyzer, non-contact and rebound tonometry, corneal topography, fundus photography, auto-refractor and slit lamp.

Optometric Assisting students will learn optical dispensing skills including lensometry, verification, frame selection and eyeglass repair. Students also learn contact lens insertion and removal training and ordering. Front desk duties such as answering telephones and making appointment, patient records and using practice management software are also covered.

Students will get "hands-on" experience through the clinical externship program and the McFatter Vision Clinic, an on-campus site where the students work under supervision with a Florida-licensed optometric physician.

Department of the Air Force Ophthalmic Apprenticeship Course – Technician Program Code 302	
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<b>Phone:</b> 210-808-3775	<b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.airforce.com/careers/detail/optometry">https://www.airforce.com/careers/detail/optometry</a>
<p><b>Program Description:</b> (available to Air Force personnel only)  Regardless of job duty, it's essential for each of our Airmen to have good vision. Responsible for performing visual tests and procedures, Optometry specialists assist Optometrists with the treatment of patients. From aiding in the diagnosis of eye disorders to assisting Airmen with aviator contact lenses, these professionals play an integral part in helping patients see better and protect their eyes.</p>	
US Army Medical Center and School -Eye Specialty Course – Technician Program Code 300	
Eye Specialty Course 3098 William Hardee Rd JB Ft. Sam Houston, TX 78234-2649	<b>Program Director:</b> No information available <b>Email:</b>
<b>Phone:</b> (210) 808-6382	<b>Website:</b> <a href="https://www.metc.mil/academics/OPH/">https://www.metc.mil/academics/OPH/</a>
<p><b>Program Description:</b>  Ophthalmic Technicians are allied health professionals specializing in ocular health and vision care operating under the supervision of a licensed medical provider.</p> <p>The Ophthalmic Technician program will prepare students to function as entry-level ophthalmic technicians in fixed and deployable medical facilities. This is a consolidated program with two military services that has a two phase, field of study schedule. Resident training is first conducted at the METC and then the student transitions to clinical training that is conducted at military and/or civilian medical treatment facilities (MTF).</p>	
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<b>Phone:</b> 941.752.8100 ext. 2032	Website <a href="https://www.manateetech.edu/career-prep/optometric-assisting/">https://www.manateetech.edu/career-prep/optometric-assisting/</a>
<p><b>Program Description:</b> <i>Program has been discontinued as of June 2022</i>  This Optometric Assisting program is designed to prepare students for employment in the eye care profession. Optometric assistants work with optometrists and other eye-care professionals. Course work includes ocular anatomy and physiology, eye diseases, refractive errors, vision testing, special diagnostic testing, fitting eyeglasses and contact lenses, and business management of the eyecare office. Optometric Assisting students are eligible to sit for the Certified Paraoptometric Assistant Examination upon program completion. The content includes, but is not limited to, communication and interpersonal skills, legal and ethical responsibilities, ocular anatomy and physiology, eye diseases, refractive errors, vision testing, special diagnostic testing, fitting eyeglasses and contact lenses, and business management of the eye care office. Program approved by the American Optometric Association.</p>	