

Vocational Training Programs

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Cape Coral Technical College – Assistant Program Code 129	
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<p>Program description: 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>	
Madison Area Technical College – Assistant Program Code 102 / Technician Program Code 202	
Madison, Truax Campus, Health Building, 103 1705 Hoffman Street Madison, WI 53704	Program Director: Angela Gray Email: agray@madisoncollege.edu
Phone: 608.246.6065 800.322.6282 ext. 6065	Website: https://madisoncollege.edu/program/optometric-technician Online Program: https://madisoncollege.edu/program/optometric-technician-online
<p>Program Description: 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.</p> <p><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.</p> <p><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.</p>	
Department of the Air Force Ophthalmic Apprenticeship Course – Technician Program Code 302	
MIF 5/Sebban Hall Bldg 1393 3098 William Hardee Rd JB Ft. Sam Houston, TX 78234-2649	Program Director: Thomas S. Garrido, O.D. Email: thomas.garrido.1@us.af.mil Phone: 210-808-3790
Phone: 210-808-3775	Website: https://www.airforce.com/careers/detail/optometry
Program Description: (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.

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-
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Program Director: No information available

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Program Description:

Ophthalmic Technicians are allied health professionals specializing in ocular health and vision care operating under the supervision of a licensed medical provider.

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).