

Vision Care Technology

Description

A growing trend in the shortage of skilled health professionals affects such specialties as eye care. As the population grows and the baby boomer generation ages, there will be an increased demand for quality eye care. The increased demand will translate into more job opportunities. If you enjoy working with patients and performing very specialized technical skills, then vision care can provide a rewarding career. During the program, you will learn all aspects of working in an eye care office. After completion of the program, you will have the ability to enter the workforce as well as sit for certification examinations such as Certified Ophthalmic Assistant (C.O.A.).

- Train in state-of-the-art vision care skills labs
- Learn to conduct patient tests, such as glaucoma, with specialized instruments
- Work with eye surgeons in a clinical setting

College Credit

College credit may be available through TCC, RSU, or OSU-Institute of Technology. For more details call the college relations office at 918-828-5205. All college credit is awarded by the college/university.

Entrance Requirements

- High school senior or adult
- Basic computer literacy

Career Majors/Courses

Vision Care Technician (Adults)

Courses

Core Medical Terminology
 Core Healthcare Provider CPR and First Aid
 Introduction to Vision Care
 Ocular Anatomy & Physiology
 Ocular Disease & Ocular Pharmacology
 Vision Care Practice Front Office
 Vision Care Practice: Introduction to the Back Office
 Vision Care Assistant Techniques
 Optics and Vision Correction
 Critical Thinking in the Vision Care Practice
 Contact Lenses and Vision Care Dispensing
 Ophthalmic Assistant Techniques
 Vision Care Instrument Maintenance
 Vision Care Clinicals Intro
 Vision Care Clinicals

Vision Care Assistant (High School)

Courses

Core Medical Terminology
 Core Healthcare Provider CPR and First Aid
 Introduction to Vision Care
 Ocular Anatomy & Physiology
 Ocular Disease & Ocular Pharmacology
 Vision Care Practice Front Office
 Vision Care Practice: Introduction to the Back Office
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 Critical Thinking in the Vision Care Practice
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 Vision Care Instrument Maintenance
 Vision Care Clinicals Intro

Credential/Industry Certifications

Graduates of the Vision Care Technician program will be prepared to take certification exams for the C.O.A. (Certified Ophthalmic Assistant). Students must notify the Vision Care program instructor when clinical hours are completed

Area Salary

For information concerning working conditions, physical requirements, employment and job outlook please refer to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH), 2010-11 Edition at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>.

Salary information can be found at The Occupational Information Network (O*NET) Resource Center at <http://www.onetonline.org/>.
 O*NET-SOC Code: 29-2099.00

Who Can Attend?

High school seniors / Adults

Tuition/Fees/Books

- Tuition: \$2,777.50*
- Lab & Required Fees: \$297.50*
- Additional Required Costs: \$262*
- Optional Fees: \$256

**High school students living in the Tulsa Tech school district are not charged tuition, fees & books.*

Additional required costs: books, equipment, tools, uniforms & supplies.

Scheduling Information

H.S. / 1 school year:

August - May

H.S. sessions:

7:45 - 10:50 A.M. / 11:45 - 2:50 P.M.

Adults / 9-11 months Adult sessions:

1/2 Day: 7:45 - 10:50 A.M.

Adults / 5-6 months Adult sessions:

Day: 7:45 A.M. - 2:50 P.M.

Check with Admissions Office at 918-828-5260 for start dates.

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Additional Requirements

Prior to the start of the clinical practicum, students must:

- Undergo a criminal background check including sex offender registration as required by the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act that requires individuals providing care to children under the age of 18 to be free of any criminal history that would indicate a potential for violent abuse against another person.
- Provide verification of immunizations through vaccination records, titer (blood test) results, or declination statements. A list of specific immunizations may be obtained through the Health Sciences Center by calling 918-828-1216.
- Have a current American Heart Association CPR for the Healthcare Provider card.
- Provide transportation to clinical sites.
- Adult students must pay a liability insurance fee for clinicals. This fee is charged for each Tulsa Tech fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th).
- Adult students must pay a drug screening fee for clinicals. The drug screening is required for all students and will be completed sometime before clinicals.
- Adult students must pay a fee to participate in the online immunization tracking system.

NOTE: Fees associated with the requirements above are included in tuition/fees/books section.

Employment Opportunities

Tulsa Tech's Career Placement Services team builds partnerships with Tulsa area businesses & industry to create opportunities for work-based experiences and job placement. Job search assistance is provided before and after graduation. Services include with employment information, resume building, refining interview skills and life-time access to the Tulsa Tech Job Connect database. Call Career Placement Services at 918-828-5270 or visit www.tulsatech.edu/jobconnect / email jobconnect@tulsatech.edu.

2009-2010 year completion & placement data:

- Total Enrolled: 37
 - Completion: 81%
 - Completed on-time: 100%
 - Job Placement: 67%
 - Returning Students: 0%
 - OPE ID: 005311 / CIP: 51.1803
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Campus Location

Health Sciences Center

3350 South Memorial Drive
Tulsa, OK 74145-1390
(918) 828-1200
FAX (918) 828-1209

Application Process

Apply ON-LINE at www.tulsatech.edu/apply. Applications can also be obtained in the counseling offices on any of the campuses; at the Career Services Center located on the Memorial Complex; or by calling 918-828-5200.

Financial Aid

Financial assistance is available through several options at Tulsa Tech. For the most up-to-date information, call 918-828-5280 or visit www.tulsatech.edu. Some career majors are eligible for federal financial aid. To apply, go to: www.fafsa.ed.gov.
