Optician – Vision Care

TECHNICAL DIPLOMA
Program Code: 31-516-3 | Downtown Milwaukee Campus

Learn how to construct eyewear, fit and adjust glasses and assist patients in the selection of frames and lens materials. In addition, the program prepares you to perform preliminary eye examinations and educate patients about contact lens selection, use and care. In the second semester, students put their skills into practice working in the on-campus optical dispensary.

Workplace Competencies
Employers expect graduates to:
• Lay out, grind, fine and polish ophthalmic lenses
• Machine and hand-edge lenses
• Tint lenses
• Insert lenses into a variety of frames
• Verify finished eyewear for accuracy
• Adjust, fit and repair ophthalmic frames
• Display knowledge of contact lens theory, design and use

Career Outlook
Employment opportunities are expected to increase due to growth in public awareness of the importance of good eyesight, the availability of vision screening programs, and the aging population.

Admission Requirements
Health requirements, criminal background check and additional documents are required for admission; see this program’s web page at matc.edu. A high school diploma or GED is recommended.
Optician – Vision Care Curriculum

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**TOTAL CREDITS:** 27

‡ Prerequisite required.

Program curriculum requirements are subject to change.

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School Code: 003866

Possible Career
- Optical Technician

Related Programs
- Dental Technician
- Pharmacy Technician

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