



Start date: August

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.

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.

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

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.

 **MILWAUKEE AREA Technical College**
School of HEALTH SCIENCES



Optician – Vision Care Curriculum

Credits

OPTSCI-110	Optical Theory and Principles ‡	2
OPTSCI-111	Orientation to Ophthalmic Dispensing ‡ ..	3
OPTSCI-112	Ocular Anatomy and Physiology ‡	2
OPTSCI-113	Lab Procedures - Surfacing	2
OPTSCI-114	Lab Procedures - Finishing ‡	3
PSYCH-199	Psychology of Human Relations	3
OPTSCI-115	Introduction to Contacts ‡	3
OPTSCI-116	Optical Business Management ‡	3
OPTSCI-117	Optical Clinic - Advanced Lab and Dispensary Techniques ‡	4
OPTSCI-119	ABO Certification Review ‡	2

TOTAL CREDITS: 27

‡ Prerequisite required.

Program curriculum requirements are subject to change.

**For complete information, go to
matc.edu/health_sciences/index.cfm**

To apply for financial aid, visit fafsa.ed.gov
School Code: 003866

Possible Career

- Optical Technician

Related Programs

- Dental Technician
- Pharmacy Technician



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