EYE CARE TECHNOLOGY, CERTIFICATE OF TECHNOLOGY

Information

A criminal background check and drug screening are required for all Health Science students attending clinical courses or practicum and may be required prior to admission to the program.

The Eye Care Technology program consists of three levels of preparation. Students may obtain an Occupational Certificate, a Certificate of Technology, or an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree. This program is designed to correlate classroom and laboratory experience with clinical experience in ophthalmic offices and clinics.

The Eye Care Technology program is accredited by the International Council of Accreditation (ICA). The graduates of the AAS degree are eligible to petition for examination through the International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology at the certified ophthalmic technician level. Graduates of any of the three levels are eligible to petition for examination through the American Board of Opticianry for certification as an optician and/or the National Contact Lens Examiner.

The College requires formal entry into the program via departmental interview. Only those students who have been officially admitted to the College and have met all College admission criteria will be considered. The Eye Care Technology program accepts new students each fall term. Students who miss the fall entry may discuss spring or summer alternate entry options with the Program Director. The program offers face-to-face, hybrid, and online courses.

After acceptance into the program, the student must have a physical examination by a licensed professional and submit documentation of updated immunizations as well as a valid Healthcare Provider CPR card. Proof of health insurance is required prior to the start of class.

Eye Care Technology students must earn a C or better in all Eye Care Technology courses and maintain an overall cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 to remain in and/or graduate from the program. Any student earning a grade of D, W, or F in any Eye Care Technology course including General Psychology and Anatomy & Physiology, must repeat the course and pass with a grade of C or higher. A second earned grade of less than C will result in the student being dismissed from the program. To re-enter into the program, the student must submit a written petition to the Eye Care Technology admission committee and satisfy the re-admission criteria specified by the committee.

Students enrolling into San Jacinto College programs with external learning experiences (i.e., clinical, practicum, externship, cooperative, etc.) will be required to comply with the immunization requirements and policies of the clinical/external learning sites to engage in all clinical/external learning experiences. Vaccination requirements at clinical/external learning sites are implemented pursuant to the independent authority of such facilities and are not mandated by San Jacinto College. Failure to meet the immunization requirements mandated by clinical/external learning sites may limit a student's ability to complete the program and/or may delay the student's graduation date. San Jacinto College does not process exemptions, and students should address potential vaccination exemptions directly with the clinical/external learning site.