CONTACT LENS TECHNICIAN

CAREER GUIDE

Job Description

Contact lens Technicians may work in independent practice or work under the direction of an ophthalmologist or optometrist. Contact Lens technicians will fill a doctor's prescription for contact lenses. A patient must obtain a prescription for contact lenses from a physician. Responsibilities of the contact lens technician include: contact lens handling, fitting and follow up care. Contact lens technicians must have computer skills, communication skills, and an understanding of medical -legal implications. The job market for technicians is good with many jobs available on various shifts in private practices, corporate entities and hospitals.

Career Opportunities

Private Practice	Optometrist Office
Corporate Practice's	Ophthalmologist Office
Independent Practice	Corporate Sales Reps
Hospitals / Clinics	

Program Description

This program is for individuals who are preparing for NCLE certification, Nevada State Board of Dispensing Opticians exam, and ophthalmic assistant training. In addition to completing this course, contact lens apprentices must take and pass the NCLE examination, and complete the number of apprenticeship hours as dictated by the state board. They will also be required to take the state boards written and practical examinations. Individuals should contact the state board at (775) 689-0132. This Certificate of Completion program is an open entry program; therefore a "Limited Entry Application for Admission to a Health Science Program" is not required. Students are required to take 5 courses consisting of 11 total credits. Courses include lecture, laboratory, and clinical practicum.

Approximate Cost

Tuition:
16 credits X $98.75 per credit hr.....$1580.00
Books.....$200.00
Lab Fees.....$25.00
NCLE exam Fee.....Call NCLE
NV Licensure.....Call State Board
Health Insurance.....$20.00 - $190.00/month
Applies only if you are presently uninsured
Immunizations.....$0 - $600.00
College Admission Fee.....$20.00
One time, non-refundable fee charged to new students only
Non-resident Fee..... $3456 .50 per semester
This is in addition to the tuition and technology fee and is assessed to nonresident students enrolling in 7 or more credit hours.

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