

College of Southern Nevada Ophthalmic Dispensing Program: Student Interest Counseling Worksheet

Year

- Do you know what an Optician does?
- Why did you choose the Opticianry program?
- Upon completion of the program the graduate is expected to take and pass the following tests:

ABO Basic Exam. ABO Practical Exam. ABO Advanced Exam. NCLE Basic Exam. NCLE Practical Exam. NCLE Advanced Exam. Nevada Opticianry Laws (NAC/NRS 637).

- NSBDO Requires you complete a minimum of 100 eyeglass neutralizations. You will be able to complete these task while you are a student in the program.
- There is a time commitment required. During your first and second semester you will take 3 lecture and two lab courses. This amounts to about 20 hours a week on campus activities. Homework will be about 10 hours a week. Keep this in mind when you schedule school, work and a personal life. Your third and fourth semester you will have about 12 hours of on campus activity and 15 hours a week off campus activities. On class attendance is mandatory and affects your grade for a given course.
- You may reduce your semester time commitment by taking fewer courses in a semester. Keep in mind this will take you a longer time period to complete the entire program.
- All eyeglass related courses must be taken before you ae eligible to take any contact lens related courses. This means you must take and complete OPHT 112, 121, 202, 123, 223 and 155 before you take any contact lens courses.
- NSBDO Requires you complete a minimum of 100 hours of contact lens practical tasks. You will be able to complete these tasks while you are a student in the program.
- You are encouraged to take a College Study Skills or prep course such as ALS 101. This will help you with outlining skills, note taking skills, time management and study skills. You will receive program selection points for taking this course prior to applying to the Program. It will count as your Human Relations general education course requirement once you are in the program.
- You are encouraged use the services provided by CSN's Center for Academic Success.
- You do not have to be an NBDO licensed apprentice in order to take classes. You may complete your apprenticeship while you are in classes or after graduation. Apprentice is sponsored by your employer not the program.
- All optical courses are taught using a hybrid method. This means you have on campus labs and lectures combined with coursework/assignments/test/quizzes/ discussion board work which you will complete a computer. You may use your own computer or any computer in the various computers labs on any of CSNs campuses.
- All lab projects must be completed in a timely manner. You should not take more than two weeks to complete a given project or task in your lab classes. This enables you to get appropriate feedback from your course instructors so that your performance may improve.
- I understand the expectations and demands that will be expected of me should I be accepted into the Ophthalmic Dispensing Program.

Student Name (Print) _____ Student Signature _____ Date _____

Scott Helkaa, Program Director

Student contact info (phone/ email)