

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA
FALL 2021 OPHTHALMIC DISPENSING PROGRAM
Ophthalmic Dispensing Program Selection Criteria

Qualified applicants must have successfully attended Health Programs Orientation, meet a Health Programs Advisor and complete Limited Entry Application Workshop within 2 years from application deadline date. Applicants will be ranked and selected through the following point system:

PREVIOUS EDUCATION:

- Associate Degree (2 points)
- Bachelors Degree or higher (4 points)
- An unofficial transcript is required**

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Six months optical related experience within the past two years*. Experience in a surfacing lab, finishing lab, as a dispenser, contact lens fitting, prosthetics, doctor assisting or any combination of the six. (2 points)
- CSN form completed by employer indicating work responsibilities and length of employment must be supplied. The Ophthalmic Experience Documentation Form is available online at: <https://at.csn.edu/sites/default/files/documents/od-experience.pdf>**

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- Completed volunteer community service (excluding course curriculum requirements) within the past 12 months*. An additional 2 points will be given if the community service relates to Ophthalmics. Ophthalmic related community service through the Lion's Club International, Blind Center of Nevada Inc., Blindconnect, Sight to the Blind, Inc. or M.E.D.I.C.O. will be considered valid.
- 25-49 hours (1 point)
- 50-99 hours (2 points)
- 100+ hours (3 points)
- CSN form completed by the volunteer organization indicating type of volunteer work and number of hours must be supplied. The Ophthalmic Community Service Documentation form is available online at: <https://at.csn.edu/sites/default/files/documents/od-commsvc.pdf>**

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES AND/OR PRIOR OPTICAL COURSES

- Any college level physics class completed with a minimum final grade of "C" or higher (2 points)
- Completion of any prior optical courses with C or higher (2 points per course)
- Certificate of Completion in Ophthalmic Dispensing (12 points)
- Completion of Gen eds courses applicable to the program with C or higher (3points per course)

CERTIFICATION

- National Opticianry Competency Examination Certificate by ABO (3 points)
- NCLE Contact Lens Technician Certificate by NCLE (3 points)
- Ophthalmic Assistant Certificate by JCAHPO (3 points)
- Ophthalmic technician Certificate by JCAHPO (3 points)
- CTE Program Completion in health care (CAN, dental assisting, sports med etc) (2points)

NEVADA APPRENTICE OPTICIAN LICENSE (7 points)

CUMULATIVE GPA (Courses completed and are on CSN transcript)

2.0 - 2.5 (1 point) 3.1 - 3.5 (3 points)

2.6 - 3.0 (2 points) 3.6 - 4.0 (4 points)

MEET WITH PROGRAM DIRECTOR (4 points)

Meet with program director of ophthalmic dispensing program within 12 month of application deadline.

-Official form completed by the program director must be supplied. The ophthalmic dispensing program student interest counseling worksheet is available online at: <https://at.csn.edu/sites/default/files/documents/opht-advform.pdf>

LETTER OF INTENT (2 points)

Providing a typed 300 to 500 maximum word essay answering a question.

- Why do I want to be an optician?

*The completion deadline date for application materials is used as the reference point for time frames. These guidelines are subject to change without notification. Please contact CSN Ophthalmic Dispensing Program for information.