

The National Academy of Opticianry's Ophthalmic Career Progression Program (OCP) is an affordable work-study apprenticeship for opticians everywhere!

OCP Curriculum

COURSE 101

Introduction *Pharmacology*
History *Refractive Errors*
Terminology *Math*
Professions *Refraction*
Anatomy and Physiology

COURSE 102

Principles of Light *Lens Material*
Laws of Reflection *Presbyopia*
Basic Prism *Frame Material*
Lens Power *Boxing*

COURSE 103

Flat Transposition *Prentice's Rule*
Finishing Room *Vertex Distance*
Government Agencies *Tinting*
Telescopes and Binoculars *Prism*
Lens Aberrations *Mirrors*
Spectacle Magnification *Tools*
Lensometry and Verification

COURSE 104

Dispensing to Seniors *Dispensing*
Anti-Reflective Lenses *Polarized Lens*
Evolution of AR Lenses *Low Vision*
Glare-Photochromic Lenses *Inventory*
Pediatric Dispensing *Sports & Safety*
HIPAA/EEOC/HR *Reg. Agencies*
Marketing and Merchandising

COURSE 105 (optional Contact Lens study)

Anatomy and Physiology *History*
Lifestyle Factors *Record Keeping*
Lens Characteristics *Lens Modification*
Ocular Pathology *Refractive Errors*
Presenting Contact Lenses *Inventory*
Analyze/Interpret Information
Make Recommendations/
Educating the Patient

What is the OCP?

- A thorough and comprehensive Apprenticeship Training Program for Opticians. It provides the background and knowledge necessary for an individual to perform competently as a professional, qualified, dispensing optician.
- A program for you to complete at your own pace and place! The entirety of the program can be completed in the comfort of your home, with no minimum or maximum time to graduate.
- Available completely online or in print – your choice.
- Your most affordable option. With the OCP, you are paying far less than a traditional classroom education, and saving on the cost of gas or potentially missing work to attend school. A payment plan is available for tuition costs.
- Accredited by two colleges! Hillsborough Community College awards those who graduate from the OCP with 14 college credits toward an Associates in Science degree in Opticianry. Reynolds Community College awards those who graduate from the OCP with 14 college credits toward an Associate in Applied Science degree in Opticianry.
- A proven course to prepare you for success. Over 90% of OCP graduates pass the ABO examination on the first try, with no additional studying.
- Accepted by 12 licensing states as one way aspiring opticians can earn the education required for licensing. Call the NAO today to see if your state qualifies!

