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Can you see yourself as a manager of a retail optical store or as an essential part of the eye care delivery system: an optician who measures, fits and adapts eyeglasses and contact lenses?

The opticianry program focuses on the professional optician. As essential members of a team of eye care professionals, opticians measure, fit and adapt eyeglasses and contact lenses to people with vision problems. Coursework covers basic ocular science including optics, anatomy, contact lenses and refractometry. The curriculum allows students to gain specific skills in professional management, eyewear fabrication and dispensing.

Clinical experience is gained in a state-of-the-art, on-campus dispensary and at affiliate sites. Students have the choice to enroll in a traditional campus-based program or an online program. Graduates of the opticianry program are eligible to take state and national certification and/or licensure examinations for opticians.

Graduates who earn a degree in optical management or a college credit certificate as an eyecare technician or ophthalmic laboratory technician pursue non-licensed careers in the growing vision care field.

Graduates of the optical management program may pursue careers managing optical dispensaries for optical corporations, ophthalmologists and optometrists.

Admissions

Health sciences careers are in demand, with great salaries and opportunities to make a difference. Planning is the key to academic success. First, apply online at hccfl.edu/registernow.

For in-depth information, visit hccfl.edu/healthsciences and click on the Health Sciences Handbook.

There is no deadline date to apply for the program, and you do not need to complete a separate health sciences application. Visit hccfl.edu/opticianry for details.

According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, the demand for opticians will increase by 29% between 2010 and 2020. A national survey conducted in 2008 indicated a median salary of $45,000 for licensed opticians in the southeastern United States. The Florida Labor Market Statistics Center found the median salary for the Tampa area to be $33,000.
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(72 credit hours)
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Optical Management

(60 credit hours)
You’ll learn what you need to know about merchandising in this program aimed at preparing graduates for supervisor/management jobs in the ophthalmic industry. Students may attend full-time or part-time.

In addition to the degree programs, the opticianry program offers a 48-credit-hour eye care technical certificate program and a 24-credit-hour ophthalmic laboratory technical certificate program. There is also an advanced technical certificate in vision care assessment available for individuals who possess an AS/AAS degree in opticianry.
Graduates are eligible to become certified through examination by one of the national certifying agencies and obtain state licensure.

The HCC opticianry program is accredited by Commission on Opticianry Accreditation (COA), PO Box 592, Canton NY, 13617, web: coaccreditation.com.

HCC Live Information Center
HCC Live is a resource for questions about admissions, registration, financial aid, advising and other college resources. Please call 1.877.736.2575 or 813.253.7000, 9 a.m.–6 p.m., seven days a week, or visit the HCC Live information portal at hccfl.edu for answers to frequently asked questions.

The HCC Dale Mabry Campus wants to help you achieve your educational goals. Apply online today and enroll in six easy steps. Simply visit hccfl.edu/registernow.

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