Vanderbilt Eye Institute

Ophthalmic Technician Program

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If you're interested in a career that involves healthcare, technology and people skills, VEI's Ophthalmic Technician Program is a great option!

Our 72-week program combines classroom instruction with clinical rotations at Vanderbilt Eye Institute, giving you hands-on experience in an academic medical setting.

About Ophthalmic Technicians

Ophthalmic Technicians are allied health care professionals who work alongside ophthalmologists to assist with patient evaluations, and medical and surgical treatment of patients. Ophthalmic Technicians can work in private practice, medical centers, hospitals and university clinics.

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Duties performed include:

- Taking health histories
- Testing vision
- Performing refractions
- Measuring eye pressure
- Performing imaging and diagnostic exams
- Educating patients

Program Requirements

All applicants are required to have:

- U.S. citizenship, permanent resident status, or eligible to study in the U.S.
- Passing score on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) allied health test

AND one of the following:

- Associate's degree or higher
- Graduate of an allied health program and a high school diploma or equivalent (i.e. medical assistant, patient care technician, nursing assistant, etc.)
- Two years of work experience in a medical setting and a high school diploma or equivalent
- Two years as a member of HOSA–Future Health Professionals, a high school diploma or equivalent, and one of the following:
  - Clinical internship in a health science field
  - Industry certification in a health science field (i.e. medical assistant, patient care technician, nursing assistant, etc.)

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Visit **VUMC.org/ophthalmology/ophthalmictechprogram** to apply for the Ophthalmic Technician Program and find information about the application deadline.

If you'd like to talk with someone about the program, contact:

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