Ophthalmic Assistant Program (84 hours) *WIA APPROVED COURSE

Ophthalmic Assistants/Technicians are projected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to have over a 14% growth from 2008-2018.

Course Description

This four-month certificate program prepares students to enter the ophthalmic medical personnel field as ophthalmic assistants. Ophthalmic assistants perform duties as assigned by the ophthalmologist with whom they work for. All aspects of the ophthalmic assistant’s role will be covered in a classroom setting as well as clinical/hands-on sessions. In this course, the student will learn to take patient medical histories, instruct patients about medications, tests, and procedures, perform various vision and diagnostic tests, assist Ophthalmologists with patient procedures, and coordinate patient scheduling. Ophthalmic assistants enjoy virtually unlimited job opportunities nationwide and internationally because of their specialized skills. Positions are usually located in private practices, hospitals, clinics, university research facilities, and in the U.S. military.

Upon satisfactory completion of the certificate, students must complete an additional satisfactory one-year full-time paid work experience under ophthalmologic supervision to be eligible for the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology Certification. For more information on the certification options, visit the website www.jcahpo.org.

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