

# ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN VISION CARE TECHNOLOGY



## CHOOSE A CAREER WITH VISION: BECOME AN OPTICIAN

Good vision is one of our greatest gifts. Making the most of every aspect of our lives depends on the ability to see clearly. By deciding to become an optician, you'll enjoy great career satisfaction by helping others improve their vision and lead happier, more fulfilling lives.

The Goodwin College optician program — the only one of its kind in the Capitol Region — combines the best practices in hands-on, technical work with caring customer service and patient interaction skills.

As an optician, you will be responsible for analyzing and interpreting prescriptions to determine lenses that are best suited for a patient's lifestyle and visual needs, as well as ensuring the best fit and visual acuity of contact lenses.

Organized individuals with an aptitude for math and science — and who enjoy working with others and providing outstanding customer service — will find the greatest success in this field. Students enrolled in our associate degree in Vision Care Technology program will learn practice management, follow the role of fashion in eyewear, and study ethical issues in an educational experience that is both lively and thought provoking.

Our brand new facility is a unique educational environment in which to learn and grow. Working with a dedicated team of eye care professionals, you will learn to design, fit, and dispense corrective eyeglass and contact lenses in our state-of-the-art optical fabrication laboratory, contact lenses laboratory, and training store.

Graduates of the program are prepared to sit for both The American Board of Opticianry's (ABO) National Opticianry Competency Examination and the National Contact Lens Examination (NCLE).

Gain the skills and knowledge to make a positive, lasting impact on the lives of others. Set your sights on becoming a licensed Optician at Goodwin College.

# CURRICULUM

Pre-Requisites for Admission		
MATH 1XX	Math Competency* (MATH)	3
ENG 101	English Composition	3

General Education Core		
IDA 120	Intellectual Discovery Strategies OR Open Elective	3
CAP 1XX	Computer Literacy Competency (CL)	3
COM 1XX	Communications Competency (COM)	3
ENG 1XX	Writing Competency (WR)	3
PSY 112	Introduction to Psychology (SS)	3
	Cultural Competency (CU or E/P)	3

Major Core Requirements		
<b>First Session</b>		
VCT 101	Introduction to Ophthalmic Science	3
VCT 103	Ophthalmic Fabrication I	3
BIO 214	Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology of the Eye**	4
<b>Second Session</b>		
VCT 203	Ophthalmic Fabrication II	4
VCT 106	Contact Lens Theory I	3
<b>Third Session</b>		
VCT 105	Ophthalmic Dispensing I	3
VCT 206	Contact Lens Theory II	3
<b>Fourth Session</b>		
VCT 205	Ophthalmic Dispensing II	4
VCT 204	Contact Lens Theory and Application	3
<b>Fifth Session</b>		
VCT 201	Ophthalmic Science Synthesis	3
VCT 202	Supervised Clinical Experience	3
VCT 208	Ophthalmic Practice Management	3

\* Note: transfer credit will be accepted at the level of intermediate algebra or above.

\*\* Must pass with a "C" to continue with program

These courses must be completed with a "C" or better to graduate from this program.

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## WHERE VISION CARE TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS WORK

- ▶ Independent Optical Shop
- ▶ Private Ophthalmology Office
- ▶ Private Optometric Office
- ▶ Optical Laboratory
- ▶ Retail/High Fashion Optical Boutique
- ▶ Corporate or Chain Conglomerate

Students will be prepared to sit for both the American Board of Opticianry's (ABO) and the National Contact Lens Examination (NCLE). In order for students to be eligible to take the state exam to be a licensed Optician in Connecticut, they must pass both the ABO and the NCLE and graduate from a program accredited by the Commission on Opticianry Accreditation (COA) and approved by the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians.

The Vision Care Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Opticianry Accreditation. Debra White, Director of Accreditation PO Box 592 Canton, NY 13617 Phone: 703.468.0566 Fax: 888.306.9036 Email: [director@COAccreditation.com](mailto:director@COAccreditation.com).

## A LICENSED OPTICIAN CAN BE EMPLOYED AS:

- ▶ Independent Business Owner
- ▶ Contact Lens Practitioner
- ▶ Optical Laboratory Technician
- ▶ Ophthalmic Sales Representative
- ▶ Optical Industry Business Professional
- ▶ Wholesale Laboratory Professional
- ▶ Manager of Ophthalmology/Optometric Practice

## TO REQUEST MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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