

VISION CARE TECHNICIAN

Canadian Valley Technology Center



INFORMATION PACKET

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ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR EYECARE ASSISTANT

Become a Certified Ophthalmic Assistant (COA)

The Vision Care Technician program will equip you with the skills needed to assist Ophthalmologists in a clinic setting and in the performance of minor surgical procedures. This program includes a paid apprenticeship with Dean McGee Eye Institute.

Discuss your potential enrollment and career choices by contacting our Career Counselor at 405-345-3340.

Enrollment Requirements:

- Results of the Accuplacer Assessment **or** documentation for Testing Waiver
 - Accuplacer testing
To be eligible for enrollment, the following Accuplacer scores are required:
Reading – 235 and Arithmetic – 238
Contact our assessment center at 405-422-2382 to schedule an appointment for testing. You will see a counselor the same day you test.
 - Testing Waiver
Applicants with any of the following do not need to take the Accuplacer test:
 - ACT of 19 or SAT of --- within the past 5 years
 - 12 hours of at least level 1 college credit within the past 5 years
 - Associate Degree within the past 5 years or Bachelors Degree
- Method of Payment
 - Financial Aid (apply online at www.studentaid.gov; school code: 009965)
Financial Aid questions? Call our Financial Aid Officer at 405-422-2208
 - Next Step Tuition Waiver for high school graduates under the age of 24, live in district, and have exhausted all other funding sources.
(Applicants must provide driver's license, high school diploma, current utility bill , and FAFSA application for verification purposes)
- Immunization Record
 - Flu, Covid, and Hep B vaccinations are required by Dean McGee Eye Institute for students in the apprenticeship program. Hep B shots provided by DMEI if needed. COVID waivers available.
- High School Diploma or GED required for enrollment

Required Courses	Hours
Vision Care Introduction	30
Optics	120
Ocular Anatomy and Physiology	80
Ocular Medical Terminology	40
Photography and Imaging	80
Ocular Disease and Pharmacology	60
Clinical Skills	150
Vision Clinical Practicum	400
TOTAL HOURS	960

Approximate Costs Associated with the Vision Care Program:

Tuition:

In-District	\$2.50/clock hour
Out-of-District	\$5.00/clock hour

General Enrollment Fee	\$144
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Tablet, laptop or Chromebook for ebooks	Not sold in book store
Textbooks from CVTECH Bookstore, approximately	\$125
National Background Check (may need more than 1)	\$60
Uniforms – charcoal gray scrubs (2 tops, 2 pants)	\$90
Shoes (Comfortable closed-toe athletic shoes)	\$60
AHA BLS Provider CPR Certification	\$11
AHA First Aide Certification	\$5

ALL COSTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

After 10 days of instruction no refund of tuition or fees will be made.

No refunds will be given for textbooks unless the textbook is returned in the original condition with the original Canadian Valley Technology Center receipt.

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

1. What is the difference between a traditional program and an individualized study program?

Traditional Program – All students start and complete at the same time.

Individualized Program – Students work within their own individualized time frames, which is monitored and facilitated by faculty.

This is a traditional program. Classes meet 8:25-11:15 and 12:25-3:15, Monday-Friday. Attendance is strictly enforced. Full-time enrollment only.

2. What certification can I earn through the Eyecare Assistant Program?

JCAHPO Certified Ophthalmic Assistant (COA)

AHA BLS Provider, CPR, First Aid

3. What is the average length of time in which students complete the program?

35 weeks

4. What is the dress code?

Students must wear scrubs every day (gray); you may wear a CV Tech t-shirt instead of a scrub top in class but a full set of scrubs is required for clinicals. A sweatshirt (no hoodies) or jacket is allowed with a CV Tech short sleeve t-shirt under. Students must wear healthcare appropriate shoes (athletic, closed toe shoes that are clean and professional, no Croc type shoes). Long fingernails can interfere with completing the skills of a technician, please keep nails to a modest length; consider no more than a quarter of an inch beyond your fingertip.

5. Will I have to do a drug test?

Canadian Valley Technology Center enters into contracts with various organizations to provide clinical experience for our students enrolled in certain programs. Some of these organizations require the student to provide a negative drug screen in order to participate in such clinical experience at their facility.

Where clinical experience is required in order to successfully complete the program or course of study, the student will be required to provide Canadian Valley Technology Center with a copy of a negative drug screen from an approved lab. Your instructor will notify you of the need for a random drug screen and give you specific instructions at that time.

6. What if I have to miss class?

Students who exceed the attendance policy may forfeit the opportunity to attend the remainder of the current semester and the following semester or be completely withdrawn from the program. Adult students may lose scholarships. Those receiving financial aid/VA benefits will have to abide by federal/VA guidelines regarding attendance.

If you have additional questions, the career counselor is available at 405-345-3340

Canadian Valley Technology Center Financial Aid

Financial Aid Offices

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Federal and State Assistance

Federal Pell Grant – this grant provides a “foundation” of aid, to which aid from other sources may be added. Grants do not have to be repaid.

FEDERAL PELL GRANT ELIGIBILITY

A student may qualify for a Federal PELL Grant if he or she:

1. Is a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
2. Is registered with Selective Service (males only, at least 18 years of age and born after December 31, 1959)
3. Does not already have a B.S. or B.A. degree
4. Has financial need as determined by the Department of Education upon Completion of the FAFSA
5. Enrolled as a regular student in an eligible program, working toward a certificate and attending at least part-time each week
6. Has a high school diploma, GED or a home school equivalency
7. Has not exceeded 600% of the Lifetime Eligibility Used for PELL
8. Is not in default on any student loan previously received and does not owe a repayment on any student grant previously received

Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant – this grant is administered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and will pay towards of the tuition cost for eligible students. It is based on need and those who apply the earliest. This grant does not have to be repaid.

OTHER PROGRAMS:

- Office of Workforce Development (WIA)
- Tribal Agencies
- Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG)
- Department of Rehabilitation Services (VR)
- Oklahoma National Guard Tuition Waiver
- Canadian Valley Foundation, Inc. Scholarship
- Veteran Vocational Rehabilitation (VAVR)
- Oklahoma Foundation for CareerTech

Contact information for each of these aid programs is available through the Financial Aid office. WIA, GI Bill[®], Tribal Agencies, VR and VAVR will determine eligibility for their assistance.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Satisfactory academic progress is a condition of eligibility for students receiving federal financial aid in this institution. He/she must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 (C) or above and be within the attendance policy.

Satisfactory progress means that a student is proceeding in a positive manner toward fulfilling certificate requirements in a normal length of time (not to exceed 150% of published length of program). A student who fails to make satisfactory progress may be placed on warning status for up to one (1) pay period and will be denied financial aid until they are removed from that status. There is no warning status given for excessive absences.

Important Note

For complete Student Consumer Information on Title IV Financial aid, contact the Financial Aid office. Student Consumer Information contains information regarding all financial aid programs, security report and crime statistics, drug prevention program and pro-rate policy. Students may also contact the local Workforce Investment Act (W IA) representative regarding the Workforce Investment Act.

Maintaining PELL Eligibility

- Must be enrolled as a regular student in eligible certificate program (active status).
- Must have satisfactory academic performance and be within the institutional attendance policy.

PELL Grant Disbursement

The PELL Grant is awarded on basis of need (school costs and standard of living costs minus family resources) and satisfactory academic performance.

The PELL Grant will be awarded in two disbursements. Students will receive their first PELL payment on the basis of being enrolled. For every payment thereafter, students will be paid if and only if their academic performance has been satisfactory and they are within the institutional attendance policy. PELL Grant funds will be disbursed within eight weeks from payment-period beginning date.

Disbursements will be made by CVTC to students in the following manner: The eligible amount less tuition, fees, books and supplies will be disbursed, payable to the student through the fiscal office.

Return of Title IV Funds

Students receiving PELL Grant funding who withdraw, drop or fail to complete a payment period for which they have been charge, a "Return of Title IV Funds" calculation will be processed. The calculation is based on the actual percentage of the payment period the student completed.

Leave of absence does not count as completed hours.

Students who do not complete more than 60% of the payment period may be required to return a portion of the PELL Grant funding they received to the U.S. Department of Education. The institution will also be required to return a portion of the PELL Grant funding received for tuition from the U.S. Department of Education. Students will be billed for the portion the school must return. A detailed Return of the Title IV Funds worksheet is available upon request.