



Ophthalmic Technician (2180) | A.S. Degree

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Ophthalmic Technician Associate in Science (A.S.) program prepares students for entry level employment in medical and surgical eye care. Ophthalmic technicians perform ophthalmic testing and patient services under the direction and supervision of a licensed ophthalmologist. The curriculum focuses on professional courses with classroom and laboratory instruction. Students gain clinical experience in the practicum rotations at local ophthalmic clinics and practices.

As a graduation requirement, students must take the Ophthalmic Technician Certification examination given by the International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (IJCAHPO).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or high school equivalent
- Complete a program application by the July 15 deadline
- Check the catalog to learn about all course and program prerequisites

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- **72 Credit Hours**
- **Financial Aid Eligible**
- **Limited Access** - Certain prerequisites and criteria must be met to be admitted.
- **Face-to-Face Courses**
- **Certification** - Upon successfully passing the written and practical portions of the Ophthalmic Technician certification examination given by IJCAHPO, graduates will become a Certified Ophthalmic Technician (COT).

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Apply online at fscj.edu/admissions.

FSCJ's Ophthalmic Technician program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Ophthalmic Programs (CoA-OMP).

FSCJ Florida State College
at Jacksonville

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When can I start?

New student enrollment for this program begins every year during the Fall Term. However, FSCJ enrolls students year-round. Application Deadline: July 15

Where are the educational courses held?

General education courses are offered at any of FSCJ's campuses and centers. Professional core courses are offered at FSCJ North Campus.

What is the cost of the program?

Many students attending FSCJ qualify for financial aid, which can greatly reduce out-of-pocket expenses. This program is Federal financial aid eligible. *The approximate cost of tuition and fees is \$7,551.**

Besides tuition and fees, students have to pay for things like living expenses, transportation, supplies and books. Book costs vary widely by program and course selection as well as choice of electives; students are encouraged to budget about \$80 per credit hour.

**Tuition reflects Florida resident rates and are subject to change. Certain classes that require labs may have additional fees for lab supplies. Additional fees are published in the class schedule.*

What other programs are related to the field?

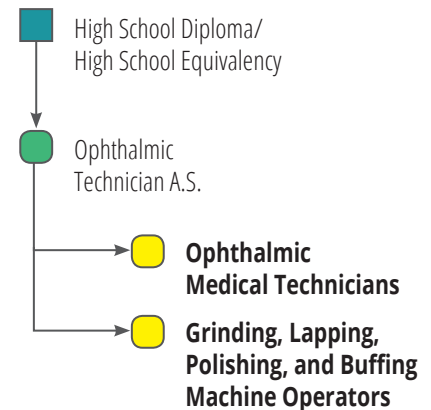
Students who have an interest in the Ophthalmic Technology (A.S.) may also be interested in the following FSCJ programs:

- Health Information Technology (A.S.)
- Surgical Technology (W.C.)

Where can I get more information about potential careers?

Research local job opportunities, wage data, career paths and market trends at fscj.emsicareercoach.com.

CAREER PATHWAY



JOB PROFILE

Duval and
Nassau
Counties

Ophthalmic Medical Technicians

Local employment	281
Number of job openings	32/year
10-year job growth	25%

Expected salaries by area and occupation may be found at bls.gov

Potential employers:

- Ophthalmic physicians and surgeons
- Optometrists
- Eye care industry