

Optometric Assistant

Overview	Assisting optometrist by pretesting patients and other helps. Mostly works as office/administrative assistant. Optometric assistants are in charge of managing the flow of patients in the clinic, ensure checking of patient and setting up of the proper equipment for the Optometrist. They may also conduct pre-testing and contact lens training and assist patients in picking up the right eyewear for them. They maintain the reception and link the patients, Eyewear Consultants and the Optometrist.			
NOC Code	Optical lab technicians in- Other assisting occupations in support of health services (3414)			
Alias Job Titles	Optometric assistant; Optometric technician; Optometrist assistant; Optical office assistant			
Qualifications Required	There are no standard education requirements. Certificate courses for Ophthalmic/Optometric assistant/Medical Office Assistant could be an asset. Learn more			
Salary Range	Average hourly \$17.50	Range hourly \$13.98 - \$20.53	Average yearly \$34,125	Range yearly \$27,251 - \$40,024
Job Demand	High Employment outlook is mostly good across provinces. More information is available here .			
Growth Opportunity	With further education and experience one can go to related jobs such as Optician, Ophthalmic Assistant, etc.			
Years' Experience Required	0-1 year			

Training Options (if available)	<p>Any Optometric assistant or ophthalmic assistant program is an asset.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <p>Ophthalmic and Optometric Assisting certificate at SAIT</p> <p>Canadian Certified Optometric Assistant program (CCOA)</p> <p>Optical Office Assistant (NorQuest College)</p>
Personal Qualities	<p>Customer service, the ability to study and interpret customer issues, the ability to focus on details, patience and perseverance, organizational, interpersonal and communications skills, multitasking.</p>
Notes/Other Information	<p>They usually work on day shifts.</p>
Steps towards capacity building to become competitive for this job	<p>Generally, finding an opportunity through networking in an optometrist/ophthalmologist/optician's office is a start.</p>
References and resources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Alberta Learning Information Service Job Bank Canada National Occupation Classification ESDC Neuvoo Indeed