

Hocking College Opticianry Program Prepares Students for Licensure, Work and Success

The Opticianry program at Hocking College prepares students for success through a combination of classroom, hands-on lab, and clinical experience.

The program was started in 1998 and is offered exclusively at Hocking College's Perry Campus located in New Lexington, Ohio. The program's coordinating instructor, Scott Carroll, helped start the program and continues to guide its progress. Since the first graduating class of two in the year 2000, the program has grown to average 14 to 15 graduates per year.

In the program, students learn to use their skills to interpret prescriptions, design, adapt and dispense optical aids, and grind and polish lenses. Students learn to communicate with patients to help determine the best way to fill a prescription based on an individual's needs, and to use optical tools, instruments and gauges to make sure glasses and lenses are exactly as ordered.

The second year of study includes off-campus clinical experiences in various optical settings in the area. Hocking College program graduates receive an Associate in Applied Science in Opticianry degree, and are prepared to successfully complete the licensing examinations to become an Ohio Licensed Dispensing Optician (LDO).

The program boasts high licensure exam pass rates with a 96 percent pass rate on The American Board of Opticianry (ABO) exam and a 91 percent pass rate on the National Contact Lens Examiners (NCLE). The Hocking College Opticianry program is approved by the Ohio Optical Dispensers Board.

Opticianry continues to offer solid career opportunities and 100 percent of Hocking College graduates find work.



Hocking students Nicole Nash and Kyle Fuller get experience using the keratometer while Instructor Scott Carroll supervises.



Student Kelsey Dotey uses the lensometer as part of her practical experience at Hocking College.

New Board Member Jerri Clatterbuck

Jerri has more than 20 years of experience as a licensed optician. She currently works at Focal Pointe Eyecare in West Chester and previously was employed at Mason Vision Center in Mason. She also served as an optician in Georgia and West Virginia.

