

# Ophthalmic Technician

Ophthalmic Technicians do tasks that the eye doctor can delegate to others. Mostly, they are information gatherers and facilitators. They do measurements and tests that provide the doctor with the information needed to arrive at a diagnosis and to prescribe treatment. They also assist with documentation and patient services. Some assist with surgical procedures.

## Responsibilities include:

- History taking
- Visual acuity measurement
- Refractometry (measurements for the glasses prescription)
- Tonometry (measure eye pressure)
- Measure pupil size and reactivity
- Test and measure eye muscle function
- Visual field testing
- Retinal nerve fiber layer measurement
- Retinal thickness and topography
- Fluorescein angiography
- A and B-scan ultrasonography
- **Assist with contact lens fitting, and patient instruction**
- **Prepare for and assist with in-office procedures**
- Surgical assisting

## QUALIFICATIONS:

### Education:

1. High school diploma or equivalent with experience in an ophthalmology setting and willing to train as an Ophthalmology Assistant; OR
2. Medical Assistant who is a graduate of an accredited Medical Assistant program willing to train as an Ophthalmology Assistant; OR
3. High school diploma or equivalent plus successful completion of a JRCOMP (Joint Review Committee for Ophthalmic Medical Personnel) approved program for Ophthalmology Assistants plus a minimum of one year of satisfactory, full-time work experience under ophthalmologic supervision, including training in all skills listed in professional criteria. Equivalency criteria may be substituted as described in the JCAHPO – Blue Book.

Certification/Licensure: CPR certification for Health Care Providers.