

# Opticianry (OPH) AAS/Apprenticeship

## Advising & Planning Checklist

### PREREQUISITES TO ADMISSION

Completed **prior** to applying for admission to OPH program

Check a program:  AAS Degree  Apprenticeship

#### General Requirements

- Submit a Durham Tech [enrollment application](#)
- Submit official transcript(s) (high school and college)
- Apply for Financial Aid
- Attend a ConnectSession (Student Orientation)  
Prospective students with 12 or more college credit hours are not required to attend a ConnectSession but it is recommended
- Attend an OPH Information Session (recommended)

#### Meet Course Placement Requirements

Students must demonstrate readiness for college-level reading and math. Students can demonstrate that readiness in the following ways:

- Provide proof of an unweighted US high school GPA of 2.8 or higher within the last ten years
- Transfer college credit for English and math (algebra)
- Provide proof of completion of an associate's or bachelor's degree
- Provide proof of satisfactory scores on ACT, SAT, GED, HiSET, NCDAP, COMPASS, ASSET, or ACCUPLACER within the last ten years
- Demonstrate mastery on RISE English placement test 2 and RISE Math placement test 2; **OR** successfully complete ENG 002 through Tier 2 (grade of P2) and MAT 003 through Tier 2 (grade of P2)

Submit the following forms to the OPH admissions counselor: (included in the program application packet)

- English Language Requirement Form  
Students who meet the definition of a non-native speaker will be required to meet the language testing requirements, regardless of previous ENG coursework
- [Program Application](#)
  - AAS due July 15
  - Apprenticeship due by November 15

#### Electives

*May be completed prior to admittance to the OPH program.*

**\*\*Select courses from a list on the plan of study**

- (4-5) Science elective\*\*
- (3) Humanities elective\*\*

**Orientation Note:** Students must attend an on-campus program orientation when they register for either OPH 131 or OPH 141. (orientation will occur the Thursday before fall semester starts).

#### General Education

*May be completed prior to admittance to the OPH program.*

- (1) ACA 122 College Transfer Success
- (3) MAT 121 Algebra/Trigonometry I
- (3) ENG 111 Writing and Inquiry
- (3) ENG 112 Writing/Research in Disciplines
- (4) ACC 115 College Accounting
- (3) PSY 150 General Psychology

#### AFTER ADMISSION IN THE PROGRAM

***Core Courses can only be taken following formal application and admission into the program. If you are a re-entry student and your OPH courses are more than five years old, you will be required to retake the OPH courses. All OPH courses are offered once per year and in consecutive order.***

#### ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

##### Fall (program begins every fall)

- (3) OPH 131 Optical Dispensing I (see note)
- (3) OPH 141 Optical Theory I (see note)

##### Spring

- (3) OPH 111 Ophthalmic Lab I
- (3) OPH 121 Anatomy & Physiology - Eye
- (4) OPH 132 Optical Dispensing II
- (3) OPH 142 Optical Theory II

##### Fall

- (3) OPH 112 Ophthalmic Lab II
- (3) OPH 222 Optical Business Management
- (4) OPH 233 Advanced Optical Procedures
- (1) OPH 251 Optical Internship I
- (4) OPH 261 Contact Lenses I

##### Spring

- (2) OPH 215 Laboratory Proficiency
- (3) OPH 243 Technical Proficiency
- (4) OPH 262 Contact Lenses II
- (2) OPH 282 Optical Externship I

#### APPRENTICE CERTIFICATE

##### Spring

- (3) OPH 101 Math for Opticians
- (3) OPH 121 Anatomy & Physiology - Eye

##### Fall

- (3) OPH 131 Optical Dispensing I
- (3) OPH 141 Optical Theory I

##### Spring

- (2) OPH 102 Ophthalmic Lab Concepts
- (3) OPH 260 Basic Contact Lens Concepts