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What's Happening at DIO ?

Why *The Eye and The Auto* ?

When a group of specialists from diverse professions and occupations gather to discuss in-depth a single carefully defined subject, intellectual sparks fly. Everyone usually comes away with an enhanced understanding of the subject often leading to new scientific advancements and discoveries.

And that is why the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology will again host *The Eye and The Auto, an International Congress on the Relationship between Vision and the Safe Operation of a motorized Vehicle*. At the invitation of Gerhard Schmidt PhD, VP Research Ford Motor Company, the event will take place June 19-21, 2003 at the Ford Motor Company Conference & Event Center in Dearborn MI. Out-of-town faculty and attendees will be housed at the nearby Ritz-Carlton hotel.

Alumni News

Ophthalmic Assistant Program Graduates as of December 30, 2002 are

Wendy Malmberg, Fraser
Suzanne Pentz, Centerline
Eja Safford, Eastpointe

The DIO will bring together over 30 of the world's leading authorities from engineering, medicine, automotive manufacturing, societal organizations, academia and government research centers to again take a comprehensive look at the relationship between vision and the safe operation of a motorized vehicle.

Register on-line at www.aceva.com/go/eyeson for a total 19 Category I physician credits. COMT's may use these credits on a 1:1 basis. COA's and COT's earn credits on a 2:1 basis when a course is not JCAHPO-approved. For more information, visit www.eyeson.org and click on *The Eye and The Auto* under Research.

EYES ON DESIGN

The *Eyes on Design* auto show will be held at the General Motors Technical Center in Warren, Michigan on Sunday, June 22, 2003. Tickets cost \$15.00 per per-

The Ophthalmic Assistant Program finished 2002 with a total of 17 graduates, making 117 alumni. The Ophthalmic Technician Program, now on inactive status, graduated 19 students since 1990. The Ophthalmic Technologist Program graduated 12 students between 1978 and 1989.

son at the gate. Events leading up to the car show include: *Eve of the Eyes* on Friday, June 20. Tickets are \$25.00 per person, \$15.00 for students. *Vision Honored* on Saturday, June 21. Tickets are \$200.00 per person by reservation only. *Private Eyes* brunch on Sunday, June 22. Tickets are \$100.00 per person by reservation only.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

Seventeen Ophthalmic Assistant Program students attend classes every Tuesday night. They and some of our alumni meet occasionally outside of class to network about jobs and the certification examination. Thanks to our alumni for the support!

Students are encouraged to become involved in our professional organizations. The Michigan Ophthalmic Personnel Society (MOPS) will host another Tech Bowl on March 15th in Livonia.



Congratulations

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *COA Review Course is April 4-5*
- *COT/COMT Review Course is May 3-4*
- *The Eye and The Auto is June 19-21*
- *Eyes on Design car show is June 22*

Ophthalmic Assistant Program

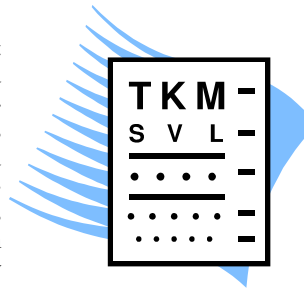
DIO's Ophthalmic Assistant Program is approved to meet the educational requirement for JCAHPO certification. The entire program consists of three college-level courses that meet once a week for 15 weeks each. The courses are:

1. Ophthalmic Assistant Theory I
2. Ophthalmic Assistant Theory II
3. Ophthalmic Assistant Skills

Most students also work full time during the day and take one course per term to complete the program in three terms. If you start the program in August you would finish the following July. Some

students finish within two terms by doubling up for one term. This means they sign up for a theory course and the skills course in the same term and attend classes two nights per week for that term.

This is a niche market field. While skilled workers are in high demand, the career field is relatively unknown. You won't find multiple sections of DIO's classes, as you might for English 101 at your community college. This means you can only take OA Theory



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I in the fall term, and OA Theory II in the winter term. If you don't register in time, you might wait another year for the same class to be repeated.

We encourage everyone to contact DIO early, make arrangements to take our entrance examination, and get your application processed at least a month before you wish to register.

The next term starts in May. Apply NOW !!

Entrance Exam Required

The Health Occupations Basic Entrance Test (HOBET) is required for admission to many allied health programs across the country. Most state education departments mandate that a school prove an applicant's "ability to benefit" from their training program. Passing scores on the HOBET are one indication that an individual has the background to handle the reading assignments and mathematical computations required of the profession. The HOBET also identifies how an

individual approaches study in general, and identifies which learning approach is most effective for that individual. The diagnostic report generated by the

HOBET can alert DIO to an individual's special needs so that assistance can be given

before the student experiences problems that may tarnish one's academic record. Since the DIO is not on a college campus, we usually recommend contacting learning centers on a community college campus near the student's home for math or reading comprehension assistance.

Appointments to take the HOBET may be scheduled between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM with Carolyn Mulford. Allow 2 1/2 hours to take the test when you arrive. A study guide is also available for \$29.15 (tax incl.). Prepare now!!

*Call Carolyn Mulford at
(313) 824-4710, ext. 224 to
schedule an appointment.*

So, What's On the HOBET?

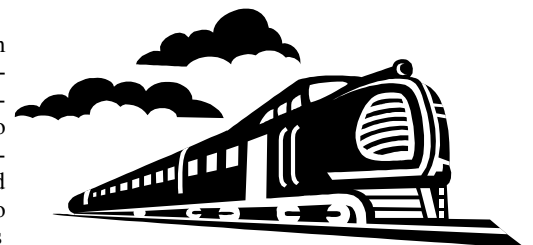
The HOBET "passing" score is based on a measure of reading comprehension and math skills.

Reading comprehension skills are evaluated at the inferential level of understanding. This means you will be asked to draw conclusions from facts and statements within a paragraph. You will also be asked to predict outcomes. If your reading comprehension score is below average, you will be given a reading level designation of Frustration. This means that even with the benefit of

lectures, you would experience more than average difficulty in critically reading college level material. There are average and above average scores as well.

The math section will begin with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers. It will then require you to do the same for common fractions, decimals, percentages, and basic algebra. You will need to know how to calculate problems with positive and negative integers.

The learning style section is not used to calculate a "pass/fail" score, but helps identify your best study approaches.



Get on board and join an exciting career in eye care!

OTP 102: Ophthalmic Assistant Skills

CREDIT HOURS = 3

PREREQUISITE:

Admission to Ophthalmic Assistant Program or request Special Status Admission for attendance on a non-credit basis. Classes taken under Special Status Admission will not be applied toward a program certificate. For national certification eligibility, candidates must complete either a home study course or attend an approved program for ophthalmic assistants. This class is part of an approved program for the Ophthalmic Assistant certification. Call DIO for complete program information and application.

DESCRIPTION:

Through laboratory demonstration and practice students will be introduced to those skills that must be mastered through clinical practicum or on-the-job experience. The aim of this 12-week session is to familiarize entry-level students with a protocol for using ophthalmic equipment. The course grade is based on attendance, weekly written quizzes, a mid-term, and a final examination.

Restricted to 10 students.



Learn how to document test data in OTP 102 this spring!

SKILLS COVERED

- *Visual acuity measurement*
- *Manual Lensometry*
- *Biomicroscopy*
- *Applanation Tonometry*
- *Manual Keratometry*
- *Perimetry*
- *Ocular Motility*
- *Retinoscopy*
- *Refractometry*

ITS 108: COA Annual Review April 5-6

Prerequisites: Eligibility for JCAHPO's certification examination at the Assistant level. This means completion of an approved educational program or Independent Study Course plus one year of work experience with an ophthalmologist.

Description: Content areas for the Assistant Exam are divided into three sessions at DIO. You can register for one,

two, or all three sessions. This series will not be submitted to JCAHPO for continuing education credit recognition. Classes will be a combination of lecture and discussion with worksheet exercises.

Topics for ITS 108-A include ocular emergencies, general medical knowledge, basic pharmacology,

Topics for ITS 108-B include visual acuity & histories, instrument maintenance, tonometry, and glaucoma.

Topics for ITS 108-C include basic skills & lensometry, patient services, and aseptic technique.

Early registration deadline is March 15 for a 15% discount on course tuition. Must be post-marked or faxed by 3/15.

ITS 208: COT/COMT Annual Review May 3-4

Prerequisites: Eligibility for JCAHPO's certification examination at the Technician level. COMT candidates may also benefit by participation in this review.

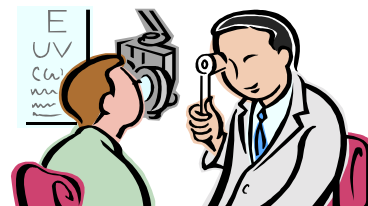
Description: Content areas for the Technician level certification examinations will be covered in four sessions. This series will be submitted to JCAHPO for continuing education credit approval. Up to 14 credits may be approved for this two-day program. See page 4 for the session topics.

Topics on Day One will include clinical optics, low vision aids, contact lenses, visual fields, tonometry, and glaucoma.

Topics on Day Two will include ocular motility, ocular pharmacology, ophthalmic photography, and ocular manifestations of systemic disease.

Course price includes continental breakfast, beverages, and lunch. An informational flyer will be available in March.

Early registration deadline is April 15 for a 15% discount on course tuition. Must be post-marked or faxed by 4/15 to qualify for the discount.



This series will be submitted for JCAHPO credit.

Class Schedules

Spring 2003 Registration

OTP 102: Ophthalmic Assistant Skills

May 1 through July 31, 2003
 Thursdays, 6:00 - 10:00 PM
 \$300.00

ITS 108 A: COA Review

Saturday, April 5
 8:00 AM - 12:15 PM @ \$50.00
 Topics: Ocular Emergencies, General Medical Knowledge, Basic Pharmacology

ITS 108 B: COA Review

Saturday, April 5
 1:00 PM - 4:45 PM @ \$50.00
 Topics: Visual Acuity & Medical Histories, Instrument Maintenance, Tonometry & Glaucoma

ITS 108 C: COA Review

Sunday, April 6
 8:15 AM - 12:15 PM @ \$50.00
 Topics: Basic Skills & Lensometry, Patient Services, Aseptic Technique

ITS 208 A: COT/COMT Review

Saturday, May 3
 8:00 AM - 12:15 PM @ \$75.00
 Topics: Clinical Optics, Low Vision Aids, Contact Lenses

ITS 208 B: COT/COMT Review

Saturday, May 3
 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM @ \$75.00
 Topics: Visual Fields, Tonometry, Glaucoma

ITS 208 C: COT/COMT Review

Sunday, May 4
 8:00 AM - 12:15 PM @ \$75.00
 Topics: Ocular Motility, Ocular Pharmacology

ITS 208 D: COT/COMT Review

Sunday, May 4
 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM @ \$75.00
 Topics: Ophthalmic Photography, Ocular Manifestations of Systemic Disease

Write in your course selections here.

Courses Number & Title:	Dates	Price
Totals: Add price for each course here.	Tuition =	
Calculate your discount here @ 15% if you meet the deadline criteria below.	- Discount =	
The registration fee is non-refundable.	+ Registration	\$25.00
Total amount and indicate payment method.	Total Due =	

 First Name Last

 Street Address

 City State Zip Code

 Phone (work) (home)

Method of Payment

- Visa MasterCard Bill Me (\$20.00 deferred fee added)
 Discover Check

 Credit Card # Exp. date

 Signature

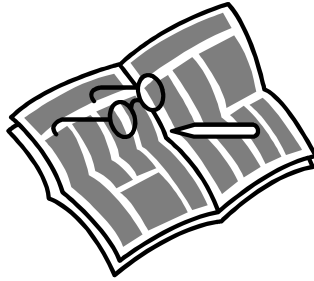


EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

Take 15% off your tuition if you fax or post-mark your registration form by the deadline for our review courses.

ITS 108: COA deadline is March 15th.
 ITS 208: COT deadline is April 15th.

Classified Advertising



Seeking a full time **ophthalmic tech/assistant** for a multi-physician's office with two locations, Southfield/West Bloomfield. Experience preferred but willing to train the right person. We have an excellent benefit package, paid vacations, cont. education encouraged and supported. If interested please fax resume to Nancy at (248) 557-4984 or mail to Ophthalmology Associates, 26615 Greenfield, Southfield, MI 48076.



Ophthalmic Techs needed for various positions, full or part time in Metro Detroit area. Must have COT or COA experience. Call 800-783-9530 or fax resume 248-651-2748.

HENRY FORD EYE CARE SERVICES

The largest ophthalmology practice in Michigan, is recruiting Certified Ophthalmic Technicians and/or Assistants for full and part-time positions at Henry Ford Hospital and several suburban locations.

Henry Ford Eye Care Services provides state-of-the-art care to more than 55,000 people annually and offers a full spectrum of specialty services at 11 locations throughout southeast Michigan.

Employees of Henry Ford Eye Care Services enjoy excellent benefits, including competitive salaries, generous vacation bank (CTO time), continuing education, tuition reimbursement, tax shelter annuity program (403B), retirement savings, pension plan, employee recognition program and opportunities for career advancement. One year experience preferred. Please send resumes to:

Daniel Badgley, Administrative Manager
Henry Ford Eye Care Services
1 Ford Place, 5A
Detroit, MI 48202
Or fax to: (313) 874-1889

Ophthalmic assistant, full time, for multi-physician practice located in the Ann Arbor area. Experience preferred, willing to train the right person. Competitive salary and excellent benefits. Send resume to Manager, 5333 McAuley Drive, Suite 6109, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Certified Ophthalmic Assistant / Technician needed for progressive Traverse City Ophthalmology practice. Candidate should possess strong technical and interpersonal skills. A desire to be an integral member of our team and to deliver exceptional patient care is also a must. We offer an excellent benefit package competitive wages and a positive work environment. Please send cover letter and resume to:

Grand Traverse Ophthalmology Clinic
Attention: Kristin Thomas
929 Business Park Drive
Traverse City, MI 49686
Phone: 231-947-6246
Fax: 231-947-8864

A progressive ophthalmology practice that is growing and evolving is looking for technical support. Locations, hours and responsibilities are variable. Great place to work with excellent pay and benefits. Call 248-352-2806. Ask for Heather.

BASIC REFRACTOMETRY WORKSHOP

JCAHPO-approved for 7 continuing education credits. Contact Dennis Santillan, Od, COT at 248-473-5304 for classes in Dearborn on a monthly basis.

Web Addresses

Aao.org
American Academy of
Ophthalmology

Aaopt.org
American Academy of
Optometry

Aoanet.org
American Optometric
Association

Ascrs.org
American Society of Cataract and
Refractive Surgery

Clao.org
Contact Lens Association of
Ophthalmologists

Eyeson.org
Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology

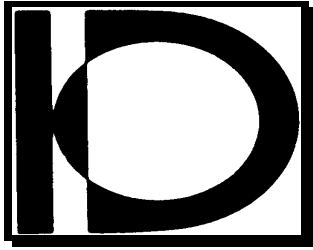
Eyesight.org
Macular Degeneration
Foundation

Glaucoma.org
Glaucoma Research Foundation

Nei.nih.gov
National Eye Institute of National
Institutes of Health

Orthoptics.org
American Association of Certified
Orthoptists and American
Orthoptic Council

Preventblindness.org
Prevent Blindness America



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Come out of the cold. Sign up for a class at DIO and Get Certified!!

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Refund Policy

REGISTER ON PAGE 4

1. Receive a discount on tuition by registering early. Look up deadlines to see if you qualify.
2. The registration fee of \$25 is non-refundable.
3. Classes dropped 5 days prior to the class meeting date will result in 100% refund of tuition. Notification must be submitted in writing by mail or fax to (313) 822-4233.
4. There are no refunds for NO SHOWS.
5. The DIO reserves the right to cancel classes due to low enrollment. Tuition for cancelled classes is 100% refundable.
6. Payments should be made by check, money order, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.

Fax: (313) 822-4233

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