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Program Reporting Time

Spring is a busy time of year for training programs—Annual Reports are due. One report goes to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth. Career schools that are licensed in Michigan must report the school's annual enrollment count, completion rate, employment rate, and average starting wages. This information is then available to the public through the career school website at

www.michiganps.net

We are also listed with the Career Education Consumer Report at

www.mycareereducation.org

The most popular class in 2003 was the Ophthalmic Assistant Skills class. It earned a satisfaction score of 98%. This class combines lectures with hands-on practice utilizing clinical equipment. Students appreciate learning the how's and why's of clinical skill sets.

According to the JCAHPO Statistical Program Performance Report for 2003, 87% of our graduates who took the national certification examination for assistants (COA's) in 2003 passed. At this point a number of

our 2003 graduates are just completing the one year work experience requirement to be eligible for the JCAHPO examination. Therefore, our 2003 graduates will most likely be reported in 2004. Thanks to all of our alumni who returned our recent survey! For program information go to www.jcahpo.org, then click on the link *Certification and Recertification* to find *Formal Training Programs*.

The Eye and The Chip 2004

WHAT:

A three-day world congress to accelerate progress toward the goal of artificial vision by providing a format for exchange of scientific advances and discussion among internationally recognized experts.

WHERE:

The Westin, Detroit Metropolitan Airport

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Cost: \$225/three-days, \$75/

individual day

(includes congress sessions and materials, breakfast, lunch, breaks, Friday evening poster session, and free admission to *Eyes on Design* automotive exhibition on Sunday, June 27.)

REGISTER:

Go to www.acteva.com/go/eyeson

(P) 313.824.4710 x 238

(F) 313.822.4233

E-mail: cke2larian@mycomcast.com

or go to www.eyeson.org

HOTEL:

The Westin, Metro Airport
Special Congress Rate of \$99/night

Log on to: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=0401260539> to book, modify, or cancel a reservation.

Attendee is required to enter password: 10376.

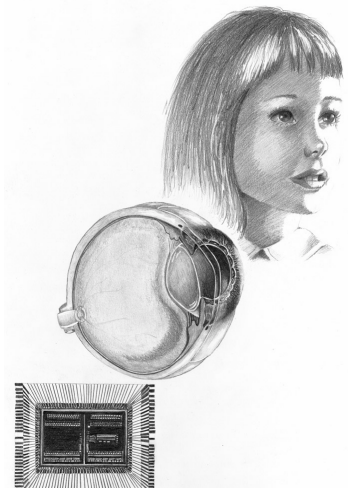
Reservations can also be made by calling 800-937-8461.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *The Eye and The Chip*
- *June 24 to 26*



Michigan's Talent Bank Finds Employees

The Michigan Works! Association helps link job seekers to employers by matching on-line resumes to job openings. According to Executive Director Linda Kinney, the Talent Bank received 60,000 job opening notices in 2003. Placing resumes and posting job openings for ophthalmic personnel through this free service is a powerful way to publicize our niche market profession. The web site is accessed by school guidance counselors and various workforce development boards who collect data on career training and employment trends.

See for yourself how easy it is. Go to:

www.michworks.org

Choose your link as

- Employer
- Job Seeker

Sign up to post a job opportunity or resume by obtaining a user ID and password. It's FREE and helps promote our profession in Michigan.

If we start utilizing this service now we'll soon create the database needed to help fill those vacancies with qualified ophthalmic medical personnel.

Utilizing the Michigan Talent Bank service also demonstrates the need that exists for career training in our profession. Help our school help YOU. Visit the Michigan Talent Bank today!

Dear Doctor

If you have never been introduced to the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology's School of Ophthalmic Technology, please take a moment to read on!

For 26 years the DIO has specialized in training Ophthalmic Medical Personnel through entry-level and continuing medical education programs. One or more of your staff have probably attended a class at our Grosse Pointe facility. If not, we'd like to share some facts about our services.

- The DIO is a charitable organization whose mission is to assist (support) the visually impaired, educate ophthalmic medical personnel, and support research in the

*"Trained personnel increase
patient access to health
services"*

area of vision.

- The DIO's various programs are funded through tuition income and the general fund of the Institute. Your donations are vital to our existence.
- The DIO is not a clinical practice. We depend entirely on affiliating practices for the donation of time

and ophthalmic instruments for the skills class experience.

- The school is dedicated to building futures of paramedical personnel in the field of ophthalmic technology and to foster a respectful and caring demeanor of all graduates.

We believe trained personnel increase patient access to health services through cost effective delegation of functions. Training is vital to ensure that your staff are capable and responsible for the results of their actions. Accountability based on a core knowledge foundation is critical to patient medical outcomes and safety. Support the DIO through your contribution today!

Tuition Will Increase for Fall 2004

An increase in tuition has been approved for the Fall Term 2004. This is the first tuition increase since October 2002. The per-credit rate will change from \$100.00 per credit hour to \$110.00 per credit hour. This rate will effect students in the Ophthalmic Assistant Program taking courses with the prefix

OTP. The Assistant Program is comprised of three courses that are 3 credit hours each—for a total of 9 credit hours to graduate. Under the current rate the Assistant Program costs \$900.00 in tuition. The new rate will bring total tuition to \$990.00. For students on a monthly payment plan, the change will in-

crease payments from \$81.00 to \$90.00 per month.

A fee increase will also be in effect for the HOBET. The repeat fee, currently \$6.00, will increase to \$10.00. This fee is only paid if an applicant needs to retake the HOBET. Other fees are unchanged.

OTP 100: Ophthalmic Assistant Theory I, Aug. 31 - Dec. 14, 2004

CREDIT HOURS = 3

PREREQUISITE:

Admission to Ophthalmic Assistant Program. This class is part of an approved program for the Ophthalmic Assistant certification. Call DIO for complete program information and application.

DESCRIPTION:

This is the first course in the Ophthalmic Assistant Program sequence. The course will emphasize career opportunities for

ophthalmic medical personnel; basic ocular anatomy and physiology; written and oral communication systems in health care; optical calculations; OSHA standards and aseptic technique; basic examination skills; instruments in the oph-



Learn how to document test data in OTP 102!

thalmology clinic; and how to properly collect and record data in the medical record using common terms and abbreviations.

TEXTBOOKS

Students should budget approximately \$150.00 for books. They include

- American Optical *Basic Optical Concepts* series
- Cassin, *Dictionary of Eye Terminology*, 4th Ed., Triad Publishing Co, 2001.
- Cassin, *Fundamentals of Ophthalmic Technology*, W

OTP 102: Ophthalmic Assistant Skills, Sept 2 - Dec 9, 2004

CREDIT HOURS = 3

PREREQUISITE:

Admission to Ophthalmic Assistant Program. This class is part of an approved program for the Ophthalmic Assistant certification. Call DIO for complete program information and application. Restricted to 10 students.

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. Students work with laboratory equipment, schematic eyes, and partners to practice visual

acuity testing, manual lensometry, retinoscopy, refractometry, ocular motility screening, manual perimetry (Goldmann and Tangent Screen), manual keratometry, contact lens evaluation, and applanation tonometry.



Remember the Goldmann Perimeter? Lynn Kime and Sarah Murphy do!

SKILLS COVERED

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

TEXTBOOKS:

- Michelle Pett Herrin's *Instrumentation for Eyecare Paraprofessionals*
- Janice Ledford's *Handbook of Clinical Ophthalmology for Eyecare Professionals*

Intensive Training Seminars: COT Preparation

PREREQUISITES:

Currently certified as a COA and working under ophthalmological supervision as a COA.

DESCRIPTION:

According to the JCAHPO/ATPO President's Report 2002, 68% of all certified personnel are at the COA level. That number drops to 28% for COT and a mere 4% for COMT credentials. That's out of a total 14,424 certified personnel.

The DIO's Technician/Technologist program is currently inactive. In order to assist local COA's in furthering their skills, the DIO will offer a series of monthly lectures on topics relevant to the JCAHPO certification examination for COT's. This series has been approved by JCAHPO for 2 Category A continuing education credits per lecture. Up to 18 credits may be

earned, which is the required amount necessary to apply for the COT examination. The recommended text is available for purchase through DIO. Note: text recommendations may change based on availability through the publisher.

FALL SCHEDULE:

Wednesday evenings
6:30-8:30 PM

301: Perimetry Concepts
Aug 25

302: Perimetry Techniques
Sept 22

303: Geometric Optics
Oct 20

304: Physiological Optics
Nov 17

305: Refractometry
Dec 15

WINTER SCHEDULE:

Wednesday evenings
6:30-8:30 PM

306: Ocular Motility
Jan 19

307: Contact Lenses
Feb 16

308: Ocular Pharmacology
Mar 16

309: Ophthalmic Photography
Apr 20

COST:

\$55.00 per session
\$275.00 Fall Sessions
\$220.00 Winter Sessions
\$495.00 entire program

Early Registration Discount is 15% off session price if registration is received by fax or post-marked by 1st day of the month in which the session meets.

Alumni News—Congratulations to The Graduates!!

The Winter 2003 Graduates:

Alicia Barnhart, Fraser

Lisa Floyd, Grosse Isle

Jill Gregory, Shelby Twp

Srilatha Kotha, Roseville

Sujatha Kotha, Roseville

Stacey Price, Detroit

Justin Gunell, Avoa

Shawn Keiser, White Lake

Lynn Kime, New Boston

Steven Kreft, Berkley

Nicole Lambert, Sterling Heights

Sarah Murphy, Washington Twp

Deborah Sandel, Allen Park

Chelsea Shirilla, Warren

Eren Sidhom, Troy

Shifra Weingarden, Southfield



Christel Fugmann, BA, COMT® co-instructs and is a DIO alumni

The Spring 2004 Graduates

Classified Advertising

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/ Technician Simone Eye Center

Duties: patient work-up, refractometry/diagnostic testing. P/T w/ F/T potential. Competitive salary and benefits package. Fax resume w/cover letter to:
586-558-8838

KRESGE EYE INSTITUTE

ATTENTION: OPHTHALMIC TECHNI- CIANS, OPHTHALMIC AS- SISTANTS, AND PATIENT CARE ASSISTANTS

Full and part time positions are available at the Kresge Eye Institute. Duties include assisting in all phases of practice. Great learning and advancement opportunities. Positions offer competitive salary and excellent benefits. We want you to join our team and be a part of an outstanding organization leading in the field of ophthalmology and research. Students welcome to apply.

Please forward resume to:
Kresge Eye Institute
Director of Human Resources
4717 St. Antoine
Detroit, MI 48201
Or fax: 313-577-9585
Inquiries can be made at:
snemer@med.wayne.edu

COBURN-KLEINFELDT EYE CLINIC

Full and part time technician positions are available for growing ophthalmic practices in Dearborn and Livonia. Excellent pay and benefits. Contact Heather, Administrator, at 734-421-2020.

The Beaumont Eye Institute in Royal Oak, Michigan, is looking for contingent applicants COA/COT to support the Institute's growth. Interested applicants may contact Laura Sellnau @ 248-551-2255 or

MICHIGAN EYE CENTER

FT/PT COA/COT; Experienced: Canton and Telegraph & 13 Mile offices. Call Kay 248-433-3639.

Seeking motivated, personable **OPHTHALMIC TECHNICIAN** to join a thriving ophthalmology practice in Genesee County. Work with an outstanding team—competitive salary and benefits. Fax cover letter and resume to:
810-732-8470.

Sheldon Gonte, MD seeking F/T technician at Van Dyke location in Sterling Heights. Offers 401K and full medical benefits. Call (586) 268-4400 for information.



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 248-377-9835.

Class Schedules

Ophthalmic Assistant Program Courses

- Registration for these courses requires admission to the program. No tuition discount for these classes.

OTP 100: Ophthalmic Assistant Theory I

August 31 through December 14, 2004

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

\$330.00

OTP 102: Ophthalmic Assistant Skills

Sept 2 through Dec 9, 2004

Thursdays, 6:00 - 10:00 PM

\$330.00

Intensive Training Seminars

COT Preparation

Meets once per month on
Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

- Refer to these course numbers on the registration form.
- Each class is \$55.00 (-\$8.25 for TD)
- Tuition Discount (TD) Applies for these classes if you register by the 1st of the month of the class.



- 301: Perimetry Concepts, Aug 25 (TD by 8/1)
- 302: Perimetry Techniques Sept 22 (TD by 9/1)
- 303: Geometric Optics, Oct 20 (TD by 10/1)
- 304: Physiological Optics, Nov 17 (TD by 11/1)
- 305: Refractometry, Dec 15 (TD by 12/1)
- 306: Ocular Motility, Jan 19 (TD by 1/1)
- 307: Contact Lenses, Feb 16 (TD by 2/1)
- 308: Ocular Pharmacology, Mar 16 (TD by 3/1)
- 309: Ophthalmic Photography, Apr 20 (TD by 4/1)

Write in your course selections here. Fax to (313) 822-4233

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

Registrant Information:

First Name _____ Last _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (work) _____ (home) _____

Method of Payment

- Visa
- MasterCard
- Discover Check made out to D.I.O.

Credit Card # _____ Exp. date _____

Signature _____

The following information is needed to process all charges:

Name on Credit Card _____

Billing Address for Credit Card Same as registrant or: _____

Telephone Number for Credit Card _____

Annual Review for Assistants

Objectives

At the conclusion of the course participants should be able to recall, interpret, and solve problems related to content in the subject areas listed.

ITS 108-A on Saturday, Sept 18, 8:00AM—12:00 PM

- Ocular Emergencies:** Principles of triage by chief complaint and history. Problems of abnormal sensation, abnormal appearance, and abnormal vision will be discussed.
- Ocular Manifestations of Systemic Disease:** Overview of diseases related to the cardiovascular, respiratory, endocrine, and nervous systems and their ocular signs and symptoms.
- Basic Pharmacology:** Properties of ophthalmic medications, routes of administration, selected examples of diagnostic and therapeutic agents will be discussed.

ITS 108-B on Saturday, Sept 18, 1:00 PM—5:00 PM

- Visual Acuity Testing & Histories:** Methods of measuring and recording adult and pediatric acuity and medical history information.
- Instrument Maintenance:** Care of equipment, basic physics of power sources, batteries, fuses, cords and bulbs for selected instruments. Tips for cleaning lenses and mirrors.
- Tonometry & Glaucoma:** Indentation vs. applanation and non-contact technique. Care and calibration of equipment, troubleshooting techniques, importance of accurately recording history and medications on glaucoma patients. Overview of tests to screen and manage glaucoma; tonometry, ophthalmoscopy, gonioscopy, and perimetry.

ITS 108-C on Sunday, Sept 19 from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

- Basic Skills & Lensometry:** An overview of color vision tests, the exophthalmometer, Amsler Grid, A-scan. Spectacle principles and lensometry skills, including use of manual lensmeters and lens clocks and transposition of prescriptions.
- Patient Services & Aseptic Technique:** Application of ocular dressings and shields, pupil assessment. Fundamentals of microbial control, including the topics of sanitation, disinfection, sterilization, and contamination.

Optional Purchase of Jan Ledford's COA Review Book!

Annual Review Registration Form

Sign up for:	Time	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> ITS 108-A on Sept 18, 2004	8-12 PM	\$75.00
<input type="checkbox"/> ITS 108-B on Sept 18, 2004	1-5 PM	\$75.00
<input type="checkbox"/> ITS 108-C on Sept 19, 2004	9-1 PM	\$75.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Registration Fee (non-refundable)	N/A	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Take 15% discount if register by 9/1/04	00:00	\$00.00
<input type="checkbox"/> COA Review Book, 2nd Edition, 2003	00:00	\$35.95
		Subtotal: _____
Add 6% Tax for book only		_____
		Total: _____

Name

Street Address

City/State/Zip

Phone (area code)

Method of Payment

Checks payable to the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology

- Check
 Visa
 MasterCard
 American Express

Credit Card #

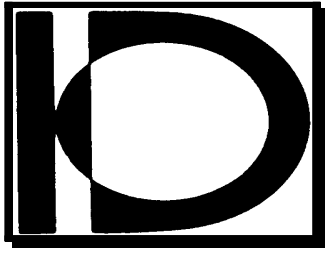
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Refund Policy

REGISTER ON PAGE 6

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.

17th Annual Eyes on Design Automotive Design Show



Sunday, June 27, 2004

10 AM – 4:30 PM

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House
1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe
Shores

Admission \$20/person

Children 12 yr & under Free

Free Parking & Complimentary Program

**All tickets available at the Gate or by
calling 313-824-3937**

\$5.00 off Coupon when you call