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The Eye and The Auto World Congress

Plan to attend this three-day forum designed to better understand and explore ways to meet the visual needs of the motorist. Some of the topics are listed below.

June 19 - Operator Factors

- Harm From Traffic Crashes - A Major World Problem
- Vision, Attention and Drivers' Task Control
- Cataract Surgery and Driver Safety
- Driving with Homonymous Hemianopia

June 20 - Vehicle Factors

- The Blind Spot Problem and Technological Approaches to Its Solution
- The Use of Stereo

Cameras in Accident Avoidance

- Are In-Vehicle Intelligent Transportation Systems Legible and Non-Distracting?

June 21 - Environmental Factors

- Pedestrians and Drivers with Visual Impairments: Research, Design and Universal Access
- Driver Distraction and Traffic Crashes
- Headlamp Glare and Driver Vision: More Than Meets The Eye
- Night Vision Systems
- Aids for Driving With Low Vision

Register on-line at www.acteva.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 person 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* (SOLD OUT); *Night Vision* - an entertainment gala featuring Peter Cincotti on Saturday, June 21, 8:30 pm - 11 pm (tickets \$100.00); *Private Eyes* brunch on Sunday, June 22 (tickets \$100.00 per person by reservation only).

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *The Eye and The Auto, June 19-21*
- *Eyes on Design Exhibition on June 22*
- *Ophthalmic Assistant Program classes resume on August 26*
- *New COT Preparation classes start on August 27*

Jobs and Salary Information

Classes are in session for the spring/summer term. Prospective employers should continue to fax your job postings to (313) 822-4233 and they'll be immediately added to our bulletin board. Thanks to our paid advertisers, this newsletter is delivered free to over 2,600 addresses in MI, OH, IN. Paid ads are also placed

on our web site, so don't forget to tell your associates to check out www.eyeson.org for the latest job and course information.

The *National Salary and Benefits Report for OMP* was completed in July 2002 and is available on line at www.atpo.org. National and regional data are available based

on numerous factors, including employment status, practice size and setting, size of town, years of experience, and other employment characteristics.

To order a copy contact ATPOmembership@jcahpo.org. The cost for non-members is \$40.00 a copy.

Ophthalmic Assistant Program

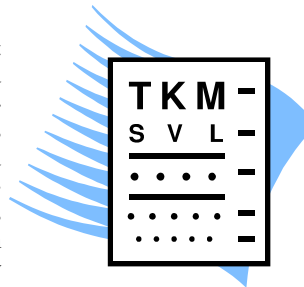
DIO's Ophthalmic Assistant Program is approved to meet the educational requirement for JCAHPO certification. The entire program consists of three college-level courses that meet once a week for 15 weeks each. The courses are:

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



The entire program consists of three college-level courses.

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 August. 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?

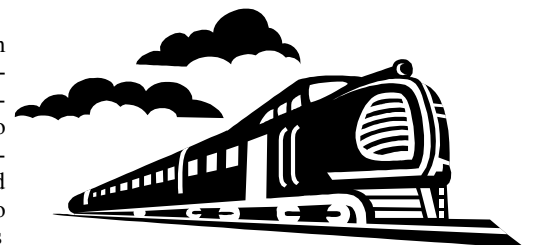
The HOBET "passing" score is based on a measure of reading comprehension and math skills.

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 100: Ophthalmic Assistant Theory I, Aug. 26 - Dec. 9

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 ophthalmology 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

- Chabner, *The Language of Medicine*, 6th Edition, W.B. Saunders Co, 2001.

- Ledford, *The Little Eye Book*, Slack, Inc., 2002.
- Stein/Slatt/Stein, *The Ophthalmic Assistant, Fundamentals and Clinical Practice*, 7th edition, C.V. Mosby Co, 2000.



Learn how to document test data in OTP 102!

Recommended:

- Cassin, *Dictionary of Eye Terminology*, 4th Ed., Triad Publishing Co, 2001.

OTP 102: Ophthalmic Assistant Skills, Aug. 28 - Dec. 11

CREDIT HOURS = 3

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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 exami-

nation.

Restricted to 10 students.

SKILLS COVERED

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

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 will be submitted to JCAHPO for continuing education credit approval of 2 credits per lecture. Up to 18 credits may be approved, which is the required amount necessary to apply for the COT examination. Cost = \$50.00 per lecture or \$250.00 for the entire fall series. A text will be recommended.

FALL SCHEDULE

Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 PM

- August 27 - Perimetry Concepts
- September 24 - Perimetry Techniques
- October 22 - Geometric Optics
- November 12 - Physiological Optics
- December 10 - Refractometry

Break until January 21

Classified Advertising

Head tech needed for expanding Livonia office. Looking for more challenge? This multi-location practice seeks a head tech to oversee tech staff. Great team environment. Great benefits. Contact Nanette Lutz 248.362.6800, fax resume to 248.362.2606, email nll@mratrov.com.

Ophthalmic techs for busy multi-location practice in Sterling Heights. Looking to achieve your certification at no expense to you? Become a part of the most highly skilled technical staff in eye care in Michigan. Call Nanette Lutz 248.362.6800, fax resume to 248.362.2606, email nll@mratrov.com. Great benefits. Great team.

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

Help Wanted:

Full or Part Time

COA or COT

Experience required

Wilkinson Eye Center

St. Joseph Mercy Medical Building

Pontiac, MI

Fax resume 248-858-3995

Busy ophthalmic practice looking for Ophthalmic Medical Assistant. Will train dedicated employee. Excellent work environment. Hours and pay negotiable. Fax resumes Attn: Sue to (313) 885-4198, or call our office @ (313) 885-4987 to speak with Sue.

Ophthalmic Assistant/Technician needed for comprehensive ophthalmologist/Cornea specialist in Clinton Twp & Romeo. Certification preferred but not required. Competitive pay & benefits.

Send resume to:

Steven W. Fite, M.D.
P.O. Box 380803
Clinton Twp, MI 48038
Phone: 586-226-2020
Fax: 586-286-0407

WANTED: SURGICAL TECHNICIAN, OPHTHALMIC TECHNICIAN, AND REFRACTIVE COUNSELOR

For busy LASIK surgery practice in West Bloomfield. Excellent pay and benefits for qualified professionals. Call Don Watkins at (248) 855-6200 or fax resume to (248) 855-7721, Attn: Don. Full time position.

Certified Ophthalmic Assistant /Technician needed for very progressive Port Huron practice. Seeking someone very personable and positive. Refractive experience a plus (+). Medical insurance and continuing education benefits. Full time position / Flex Time considerations. Interested applicants can send resume by fax: 810-985-9244.

Mail:

PHO
1033 River Street
Port Huron, MI 48060

Email: bjpho@tir.com



Ophthalmology Technician

Experienced Ophthalmology Technician/Assistant for full-time temporary position at the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, Detroit. Must have 1-year experience with refraction, applanation and history taking skills. Contact Fonda D. Brown at (313) 576-3539 or fax to (313) 576-1150.

Equal Opportunity Employer

We are a busy Birmingham ophthalmology practice seeking a motivated, enthusiastic & experienced ophthalmic technician to join our team. We offer a great working environment with good pay and benefits. Please contact Pat at 248-646-3733, ext. 21.

Ophthalmic Technician or Assistant for busy practice in Canton, MI. General and Pediatric specialties. Part-time, flexible hours. Call Nancy at 734-459-7850 or fax resume to 734-459-5799.

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.



Multispecialty ophthalmology group has tech positions available in greater Boston and Cape Cod. Competitive salary and an excellent benefit package.

Fax 617 770-2238
 Submit resumes to:
 Bena McClure, COMT
 Manager, Technical Services
 Eye Health Services
 1900 Crown Colony, Suite 301
 Quincy, MA 02169
 617 472-5242 x 112"
 Or fax to: (313) 874-1889

Ophthalmic technician needed for full time position in a busy multi-specialty Lansing based office. COA or COT preferred. Offer competitive pay and benefit package. Please send resume to : Rosenbaum Eye and Laser Center Attn: Diane 3390 E Jolly Rd Lansing, MI 48910 Fax 517-393-5050 Phone 517-393-2020

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.

Wanted: A few good techs. Retina Consultants of Michigan is expanding and looking for a few good techs. Flexible hours, great wages, excellent benefits, no weekends. (248) 356-8610. Ask for Mark.

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a fast paced, growing ophthalmological and optometric practice with offices located throughout Mid-Michigan, currently has an opening for a full time, team oriented ophthalmic technician, certification preferred, in our Saginaw location. For confidential consideration please send your resume to

5400 Mackinaw, Suite 5000
 Saginaw, MI 48604

Or Fax 517-249-1051.
 No phone calls please.

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 OPHTHALMIC TECHNICIANS,
 OPHTHALMIC ASSISTANTS,
 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

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 26 through December 9, 2003
 Tuesdays, 6:15 - 9:15 PM
 \$300.00

OTP 102: Ophthalmic Assistant Skills

August 28 through December 11, 2003
 Thursdays, 6:00 - 10:00 PM
 \$300.00

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.
- Tuition Discount Applies for these classes if you register by the deadline.

300: Entire fall series @ \$250.00 (*deadline August 1*)

301: Perimetry Concepts, Aug. 27 @ \$50.00 (*deadline August 1*)

302: Perimetry Techniques, Sept. 24 @ \$50.00 (*deadline September 1*)

303: Geometric Optics, Oct. 22 @ \$50.00 (*deadline October 1*)

304: Physiological Optics, Nov. 12 @ \$50.00 (*deadline October 27*)

305: Refractometry, Dec. 10 @ \$50.00 (*deadline November 24*)

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 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 made out to D.I.O.

 Credit Card # Exp. date

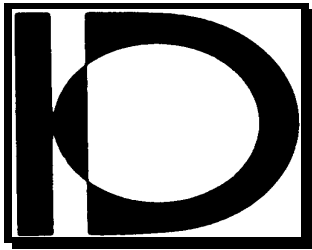
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EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

Take 15% off your tuition if you fax or post-mark your registration form by the deadline for our Intensive Training Seminars. Refer to the class schedule.



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Email: djpresnell@mycomcast.com



Add a DIO class to your list of autumn activities.
Make plans to get certified and stay certified

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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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