

The Opticianry Program's goals are:

1. Graduates will successfully complete the American Board of National Opticianry Competency Examination (ABO Basic Certification Exam), Contact Lens Registry Exam (NCLE Basic Certification Exam), and the state licensing examinations (American Board of Opticianry Practical Exam and National Contact Lens Examiners Practical Examination).
2. Provide current curriculum, instructional materials, and equipment (in accordance with available funding) which teach knowledge, skills, and attitudes appropriate to industry needs.
3. Provide educational facilities which foster learning and provide safe, healthy environments available and accessible to all students who can benefit from the program.
4. Provide employability skills which foster work attitudes and work habits that will enable graduates of the program to perform as good employees.
 - a. Include the college's work ethics program in the curriculum through videos, discussion boards, and activities.
 - b. Assure that Opticianry internship/clinical sites grade students on their work ethics during their mid-term and final evaluations.
5. Prepare graduates to function as accountable and responsible members within the Opticianry career field.
6. Provide information to the public regarding the program that will facilitate recruitment and enrollment of students.
 - a. Program participation in career day activities for local high schools offered by the college admissions department.
 - b. Request the use of the college's marquee and internal advertising to market the Opticianry Program to the public.
 - c. Assure that the Opticianry webpage is current and contains accurate information.
 - d. Schedule radio, television, and print interviews when the opportunity arises through the marketing department.
7. Promote good public relations via contacts and regular communications with business, industry, and the public sector.

8. Foster employer participation, understanding, and confidence in the instructional process and the competence of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Opticianry Program graduates.
9. Students will learn to eliminate hazardous waste and reduce non-hazardous waste to the minimum levels economically and technically practical, and to be in full-compliance with all federal and state environmental regulations.

Learning Objectives

1. Learning the principles of ophthalmic optics.
2. Developing a knowledge and understanding of ophthalmic products.
3. Learning to use ophthalmic products.
4. Recognizing the legal implications associated with the ophthalmic practice.
5. Learning and practicing how to manufacture eyewear that meet ANSI specifications.
6. Learning the principles of contact lenses.
7. Applying ocular anatomy and physiology to ophthalmic dispensing.
8. Learning and carrying out the specific responsibilities of the ophthalmic dispenser in the medical/retail setting.
9. Practicing dispenser/patient skills as applicable to the business environment.
10. Preparing for and successfully completing the American Board of Opticianry (ABO), National Contact Lens Examiners (NCLE) national certifications and state licensing exams.
11. Gaining clinical experience in providing service to the ophthalmic consumer through the use of internships.