

# Dispensing Opticianry

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Students in this program learn to dispense eyeglasses and to interpret an eye doctor's prescriptions in preparing comfortable and vision correcting eyewear. Following successful completion of this two semester program, students may take the National Opticianry Competency Examination.

Course	Title	Credits
OPT 113	Opthalmic Dispensing	2
OPT 175	Special Topics	1.5
OPT 275	Special Topics	4
<b>Total Program Credits</b>		<b>7.5</b>

**Estimated Program Cost**                      **\$682.50**

Additional material and book fees may apply. Please see advisor for exact costs.

**Estimated Completion Time**            **10 months**



- Measure clients' bridge and eye size, temple length, vertex distance, papillary distance, optical distance, and optical centers of eyes
- Prepare work orders and instructions for grinding lenses and fabricating eyeglasses
- Work with people to select eyeglasses
- Verify finished lenses are ground to specifications
- Perform administrative duties such as tracking inventory and sales, submitting insurance forms and bookkeeping
- Earn approximately \$10.00-\$13.00/hour to start



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By Telephone            720-423-4702  
In Person                2nd Floor Registration Desk  
                                  1250 Welton St., Denver  
Online                      EmilyGriffith.edu

# Dispensing Opticianry Job Information

## **RELATED JOB TITLES**

Ophthalmic laboratory technician

## **ESTIMATED SALARIES**

(Based on Colorado Dept. of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook)

<b><u>Job Titles</u></b>	<b><u>Hourly Pay</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Salary</u></b>
<i>Dispensing Optician</i>		
Entry Level	\$14.75	\$30,670
Experienced	\$19.72	\$41,020

## **POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS**

Department stores  
Health care offices  
Optical goods stores  
Optical departments of general stores  
Optometrists  
Own your own optical store  
Physicians or ophthalmologists offices  
Sales representatives for wholesalers or manufacturers of eyeglasses or lenses

## **ADVISING**

Contact Jean Butler at [Jean\\_Butler@dpsk12.org](mailto:Jean_Butler@dpsk12.org) or call Lydia Melvin at 720-423-4712 for an appointment.

## **FINANCIAL AID**

Available through the Financial Aid Office.  
Call 720-423-4744 for information regarding the types of aid available for this course/program.

## **START COLLEGE HERE**

Transfer up to 42 program credits to a Colorado community college, complete the five required academic courses, and earn an Associate's of Applied Sciences Degree.