



**Ophthalmic Technician (2180) | A.S. Degree**

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Ophthalmic Technician Associate in Science (A.S.) degree is a limited access program that prepares students for an entry-level position in medical and surgical eye care. Ophthalmic technicians perform ophthalmic care under the direction or supervision of a physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery and qualified in medical and surgical ophthalmology. The program combines general education and technical courses with laboratory and clinical instruction. Students participate in a practicum experience at local ophthalmic clinics and practices.

**Mission/Purpose**

The mission of this program is to create competent, ethical, confident entry-level health care practitioners committed to professional development through lifelong learning in a positive, nondiscriminatory and supportive learning environment.

**Application**

Available online at [fscj.edu/admissions](http://fscj.edu/admissions)

**Entry Requirements**

- High school diploma or high school equivalency
- Application deadline is May 15 each year
- Check with program to learn about course or program prerequisites.

**Accreditation**

The Ophthalmic Technician program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Ophthalmic Programs (CoA-OMP).

**Total Credit Hours: 72**

**JOB PROFILE**

Duval and Nassau Counties

**Ophthalmic Medical Technicians**

Local employment (2016).....	354
Number of job openings.....	10/year
Job growth (2015-2025).....	15%

**Expected salaries:**

- \$15.22/hr. (entry)<sup>1</sup>
- \$18.18/hr. (average)
- \$18.26/hr. (10+ years)<sup>2</sup>

Source: EMSI Developer

**Potential employers:**

- Eye care industry
- Eye clinic
- Ophthalmic surgeons
- Optometrists

1 Average of 10th & 25th percentile salaries  
2 Average of 50th & 75th percentile salaries

As of 1/7/2017

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What are the program completion requirements?

To earn an Ophthalmic Technician A.S., students must complete the following:

1. Fulfill all academic requirements for the chosen program of study as outlined in the Florida State College at Jacksonville catalog and curriculum.
2. Earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 ("C") at Florida State College at Jacksonville in courses eligible toward the Associate in Science degree programs, excluding developmental education courses. (A.S. Florida State College at Jacksonville GPA).
3. Earn an all-college cumulative grade point average of 2.0 ("C") on a 4.0 scale on all courses attempted. This includes Florida State College at Jacksonville college-credit hours and transferred credits (excluding developmental education) in lower division courses. (All college cumulative.)
4. Complete a minimum of 25 percent of the total hours required for the program in residence at Florida State College at Jacksonville. Credit by examination and credit by portfolio development do not count toward this residency requirement.
5. Complete the required credit hours, as specified by the degree, of which a minimum of 15 credit hours must be General Education requirements.
6. Earn a grade of a "C" or better in each course used to satisfy the General Education requirements and any other area designated with a "C" or better requirement.
7. Fulfill all obligations, financial or otherwise, to the College before they may graduate.

### Where are the educational courses held?

FSCJ North Campus, 4501 Capper Road, 32218

### When is enrollment?

Fall Term

### How long is the program?

Program Length: 20 Months (5 Terms)

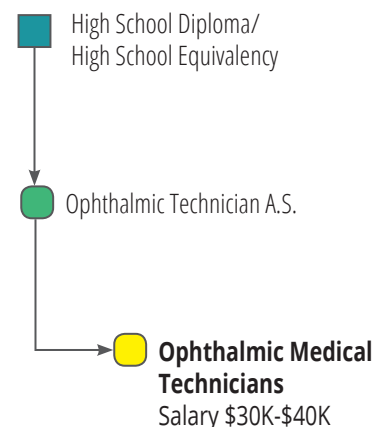
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### What is the cost of the program?

The approximate cost of tuition and fees is \$8,041.\* Besides tuition and fees, students have to pay for things like living expenses, transportation, supplies and books. Book costs vary widely by program and course selection as well as choice of electives; students are encouraged to budget about \$80 per credit hour. Many students attending FSCJ qualify for financial aid, which can greatly reduce out-of-pocket expenses. This program is Federal financial aid eligible. Check our website to learn more about full cost of attendance and whether you may qualify for financial assistance.

*\*Tuition reflects Florida resident rates and are subject to change. Certain classes that require labs may have additional fees for lab supplies. Additional fees are published in the class schedule.*

## CAREER PATHWAYS



Source: Payscale.com

### What certificate and/or license will students be prepared to complete?

Each student is required to take the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO) Ophthalmic Technician Certifying Examination (COT) as a requirement for graduation.

### What is the average program performance?

*(Based on previous program cohorts)*

Average Completion Rate: 92%\*

Average Placement Rate: 100%\*

\*Sources: CoA-OMP.org