

Two Ways to Register For Classes

- The quickest way to register is online at www.jeffstateonline.com. Go to the "Community and Corporate Education" link on the web page.
- Walk-in: Walk-in registration is accepted during our regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the following locations:

Jefferson Campus
George Wallace Hall, Room 202
2601 Carson Road
Birmingham, AL 35215

Shelby-Hoover Campus
Health Sciences Building, Room 321
4600 Valleydale Road
Birmingham, AL 35242

[All Students should review refund and other policies prior to registration on our website.](#)

Pay As You Go

A "Pay As You Go" registration option is available for some certificate programs. Participating students register and pay for three separate courses that, when taken together, make up one career program. Courses are designed to be delivered consecutively.

- Books, supplies, and other items required for the course which are not included in the course tuition are not eligible for the "Pay As You Go" registration option.
- Online classes do not qualify.
- Participating students pay for each course in advance of the first day of class.

- Medical Career Programs require a high school diploma or GED. Some programs also require malpractice insurance, criminal background check, drug screen, health screen, and other items.

Call 205-856-7710 for specific information.



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Registration:
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Website: jeffstateonline.com

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Medical Assistant for Vision

Ophthalmic Program



The Center for Community and Corporate Education

Vision Care Ophthalmic Program

Vision Care Ophthalmic Assistants

Vision Care Ophthalmic Assistants help ophthalmologists provide eye care to their patients. They conduct diagnostic tests, measure and record vision, and also test eye muscle function. In addition, they show patients how to insert, remove, and care for contact lenses. They provide chair-side assistance, instruct patients about contact lens use and care, conduct preliminary tests on patients, and otherwise provide assistance while working under the direct supervision of the ophthalmologists. Other duties include:

- Conducting diagnostic tests
- Measuring and recording vision
- Assisting patients
- Completing insurance forms
- General administrative duties

Vision Care Ophthalmic Assistants—Employment Outlook

Vision Care Ophthalmic Assistants may work closely with ophthalmologists, optometrists, and other office staff to provide quality eye care to patients. The demand for Vision Care Ophthalmic Assistants continues to grow and is expected to increase substantially through 2016. This high demand is the result of both technological advances in medicine and the growth and aging of the population. Job opportunities should be excellent, particularly for those with formal training or experience.

Vision Care Ophthalmic Assistant Training Program

This comprehensive 60-hour program of study will prepare students to enter the vision care field. This program teaches students the skills needed to work in a vision care office as an entry-level vision care clinic assistant, receptionist, front office assistant or back office assistant. This class will include both classroom theory and hands-on training one evening per week in a local vision clinic. GED/high school diploma required. After working in the vision care field for one year, students are eligible to sit for the certified ophthalmic assistant exam. Textbook required.



Requirements for Eligibility

High school diploma or GED

Fees

Course fee.....\$799

*TextbookApprox \$140

* Textbook price subject to change.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) scholarships may be available for qualified and eligible students. Please call for details.

Vision Care Ophthalmic Assistant Course Learning Objectives Include:

- Using Medical terminology accurately and efficiently
- Medical Law and Ethics including documenting incidents and reports required by law, maintaining patient confidentiality, and adhering to applicable ethical and legal standards.
- Describing common diseases and their effect on the visual system
- Being able to measure and record distance and near vision
- Basic skills that include being able to measure and record distance and near vision, performing lensometry, and describing basic optical properties of the human eye
- Maintenance of ophthalmic instruments
- General medical knowledge and infection control including principles of first aid treatment and recognition and guidelines for emergencies
- Ophthalmic Pharmacology
- General ocular anatomy and physiology including the identification of tissues and cellular structure of the eye
- Special Diagnostic Techniques
- Contact lens care including assisting in the fitting and evaluation of contact lenses and patient instruction of insertion and removal
- Infection Control
- Abnormalities of Binocular Vision
- Performing Ocular Tests and Analyzing Results

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