

OCAC 1501 - Introduction to Ophthalmic Assisting

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 44169,

Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

1501. Introduction to Ophthalmic Assisting. This course introduces students to the foundational knowledge and professional responsibilities of the ophthalmic technician within the eye care team. Emphasis is placed on the roles and scope of practice of ophthalmic technicians, an overview of ophthalmic subspecialties, basic ocular anatomy and physiology, common refractive errors, and the components of a comprehensive eye examination. The course prepares students for entry-level clinical observation and subsequent hands-on ophthalmic coursework by establishing essential terminology, concepts, and professional expectations. Courses must be taken in the prescribed sequence as part of a cohort. Additional Information: Students progress through the certificate together, and courses are not available out of sequence. Lecture - 3 credit hours 3 s.h. This course introduces students to the foundational knowledge and professional responsibilities of the ophthalmic assistant within the eye care team. Emphasis is placed on the roles and scope of practice of ophthalmic technicians, an overview of ophthalmic subspecialties, ocular anatomy and physiology, common refractive errors, and the components of a comprehensive eye examination. The course prepares students for entry-level clinical observation and subsequent hands-on ophthalmic coursework by establishing essential terminology, concepts, and professional expectations.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	The Ophthalmic Assistant		

Stein, Harold A., Raymond M. Stein and Melvin I. Freeman. *The Ophthalmic Assistant: A Text for Allied and Associated Ophthalmic Personnel*. 11th ed. St. Louis: Elsevier, 2023. ISBN 978-0-323-75754-6.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Roles and Responsibility and Terminology		Discussion Board Post
8/31	Anatomy and Physiology - Anterior Segment		Discussion Board Post



9/7	Anatomy and Physiology - Posterior Segment	Discussion Board Post Assignment 1
9/14	Review Session for Midterm	Midterm Assignment
9/21	Midterm	Exam
9/28	Diagnostic Testing Linking Diagnostic Test to Ocular Conditions	Discussion Board Post
10/5	Review for Final	Assignment 2

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