**Optical dispensing programs and on-line courses**

**Please note: School/Program offerings may be affected by COVID-19 restrictions, please check applicable websites for current information**

1. Douglas College (David Lam campus, Coquitlam, BC): This college offers a 2-year, 3 day-a-week course leading to a diploma in optical dispensing, which prepares the student for eyeglasses and contact lens dispensing, plus sight-testing. For more information, go to: <http://www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/faculties/science-technology/dispensing-optician>
2. Georgian College (Barrie, ON): This course is a two-year full-time English-language co-op course (4 semesters and two work terms), leading to an optical dispensing diploma which prepares the student for dispensing eyeglasses, contact lenses and low vision devices. For more information, go to: <http://www.georgiancollege.ca/academics/full-time-programs/opticianry-co-op-opti/>
3. Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT): For students in Alberta, the course is offered directly at NAIT. For students elsewhere in Canada, the course is offered **on-line** and distributed by the Opticians Association of Canada (OAC) – in either English or French. This course is a two-year online theory course, combined with 4 practicum levels, and is only available to those already working in an optical dispensary. Successful students receive a diploma in eyeglass dispensing and may go on to a one-year program for contact lenses. For more information, go to: <http://www.nait.ca/program_home_89363.htm>
4. Oulton College (Moncton, NB): This college offers an online English language diploma course in both eyeglass and contact lens dispensing. For more information, go to: <https://www.iapply.io/studies/canada/4905/diploma-in-optician>
5. Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology (Newnham Campus, Toronto, ON): This college offers a course similar to Georgian College’s, it is a full-time, two-year co-op course, leading to an optical dispensing diploma. For more information, go to: <http://www.senecacollege.ca/fulltime/OPTC.html>

Seneca College also offers a four-year part time course that can be taking during the evenings and weekends. For more information, go to: <http://www.senecacollege.ca/ce/community/health-care/opticianry-diploma.html>

1. Stenberg College (Surrey College): offers a 55-week program resulting in a diploma in dispensing eyeglasses and contact lenses and automated refraction. For more information, go to: <http://www.stenbergcollege.com/programs/healthcare/dispensing-optician/>

In addition to the accredited courses listed above, there are also three French-language programs available in the province of Quebec:

1. College Edouard Montpetit (Longeuil Campus): For information, go to: <http://www.college-em.qc.ca/campus-de-longueuil/programmes-et-admission/cours-formation-technique-collegial-soins-infirmiers-et-autres/160a0-techniques-dortheses-visuelles>
2. College St. Francois Xavier Garneau (Quebec City): For information, go to: <http://www.cegep-fxg.qc.ca/fr/programmes-etudes/programmes-techniques/techniques-ortheses-visuelles.php>
3. Cégep Régional de Lanaudière (L’Assomption): For information, go to : <http://www.cegep-lanaudiere.qc.ca/lassomption/programmes/techniques-dortheses-visuelles>
4. La Cité (Ottawa): For Information, go to: <https://www.collegelacite.ca/programmes/51704.html>