

Opticians Association of New Brunswick

OANB Member News

Do's & Don'ts for non-optician dispensary employees

There is always a bit of confusion over what tasks non-opticians working in an optical dispensary (not under the supervision of an optometrist), may perform. Hopefully this information will help clear up any grey areas.



As a regulated health professional, an optician may direct unregulated support staff/stylists to assist in the dispensing facility by performing unrestricted activities under their direction.

This may include activities such as:

- Answering phones and booking appointments.
- Handing out product put aside for a client by a regulated health professional.
- Assisting a client in choosing a frame.
- Selling non-prescription sunglasses, ready-made readers or other products including contact lens solutions, lens cleaners, or accessories.
- Performing financial transactions or accounting.
- Maintaining and stocking product displays and shelves to company standards.
- Keeping the store clean, welcoming and ensuring health and safety standards are met.

Unregulated staff may not:

- Suggest lens types
- Adjust or repair frames, or modify contact lenses orders
- Deliver optical orders unchecked by an optician or contact lens fitter



Professional Development

Reminder: the deadline for Professional Development credit submissions is Dec. 31, 2022

NEXT OAC CONNECT WEBCAST: Oct. 2022

Its easy to get credits though the OAC App anytime !

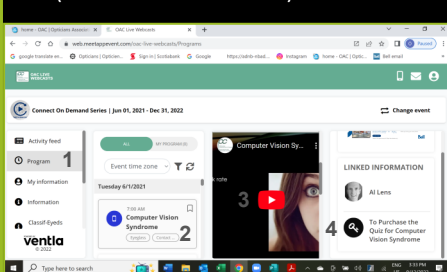
Try it:

Click link below:

<https://web.meetappenevent.com/oac-live-webcasts?eventid=701249>

Enter your email & get a code

- 1). Click Program
- 2). Scroll to select a great webinar
- 3). Hit play
- 4). "Purchase" & Complete the Quiz (Free to OAC Members!)



Where to find the mandatory OANB Jurisprudence module:

- Go to the OAC member library
- Look for #10.216

"Why Jurisprudence Matters"



OANB is looking for an Electronic Table for Exam use

If you have an electronic table, you would like to sell or donate to OANB, please contact the office at (506) 642-2878



NBAO Optometric Conference

Thursday, Sept. 29 - Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022

Fredericton Convention Centre

670 Queen Street, Fredericton

NB Optometric Personnel (\$175.00)

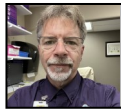
Full Conference: Includes up to 6 CE Hours (**credits not valid as OANB credits**)

Expo & Buffet Dinner Friday and Breakfast & Lunch Saturday + All Coffee Breaks

Registration: <https://innovativeplanning.regfox.com/nbao-2022-delegate-registration>

MEET A MEMBER!

Vince Gionet



"I have not always been an Optician. For most of my professional career, which encompasses serving the public for 30 years, I was in Building supplies - transitioning to operating my renovation company specializing in customs kitchen, baths and home design, under the name of KV Renovations.

In 2008, an opportunity arose for a career change and a move to Campbellton to pursue a new profession in the Optical field. With my experience in design and renovations, I located an office space, which my wife and I completely tore apart, re-designed and renovated to suit my needs. Déjà vu Optics was started in 2012. My mission statement was to: "offer the community and surrounding areas fashionable yet affordable eyewear". I feel passionate that no matter your financial situation, you should feel comfortable, and have access to the latest styles in the eyewear industry. That philosophy paid off, Déjà vu Optics grew very quickly as the place to shop.

In addition to the stock and pricing we offered, we wanted to ensure the office ran efficiently and smooth. Having a background with computer software, I developed a program that is unique to the operation of Déjà Vu Optics! This process involves electronic client files for both the Opticians and Optometrist, accounting organization, lab orders and completions. At any-time we can recall any client file and relay current information on exams, orders and referrals.



From the start we incorporated a lab, where glasses could be completed on site, and returned to the client in a timely manner. We expanded the conveniences we offered, with the arrival of Dr. Jacques Gagne, who quickly become a favorite with our clients, developing a huge client base from our community and the surrounding areas. We also have on staff two Opticians who provide excellent customer service! Déjà vu Optics is committed to finding solutions to everyone's eye health needs!!



Working for oneself can be all consuming! However, I have many ways to step back and decompress. One thing I enjoy is performing. I have been involved in music for over 40 years. For the last 23 years, my wife and I have performed throughout New Brunswick. What started out as playing for family at a campground evolved into "full-time hobby"... lol. We are musically active in our community and many other communities. Know as "Serenity", we perform festivals, concerts, campgrounds, pubs and, of course, fundraiser events.

My mission statement for my personal life is: "paying it forward". We are advocates for animal rescue and use our abilities as musicians to perform at our annual RSPCA concert. Through the years, funds raised at this event have helped with expenses incurred at these facilities, in their effort to accommodate animals in need. Another benefit of performing is the amount of people we reach in the community. We are able to meet many, many people. We have a rule that our office is not discussed on stage; however, we are surprised how many people say "hey, he's my Optician", when they see me. It always gives us a chuckle, and their curiosity often brings them to our office to shop!

My career, to this point in life, has brought me many rewards! I hope to continue with my role in the field of eye health. I truly enjoy the job I do, the clients I meet, and the service I provide. In many ways it has been the career that suits me best, as it really incorporates my skills into one profession. I am thankful for that!" www.facebook.com/dejavuoptics www.facebook.com/serenitykv

OANB Apprentices Area



Welcome new apprentices!

Raymonde Thériault

Yuri Gillies

NACOR EXAM SCHEDULE

2022

Nov. 5 - 6: Oulton College,

Moncton, NB (if required)

NACOR EXAM PREP

SESSIONS

For recorded NACOR Exam Prep sessions (Eyeglasses, Contact Lenses - Pathology, Contact Lenses - Case Studies/ Troubleshooting), sample questions, video tutorials and more! Access the OAC App via:

<https://www.opticians.ca/site/studentresources?nav=sidebar>

Does healthcare, eyewear and working with people pique the interest of someone you know?

A CAREER AS AN OPTICIAN may be for them!

Opticians are health professionals trained to help you achieve optimum vision with the application of eyeglasses, contact lenses, low vision aids and prosthetic ocular devices. An Optician helps people SEE THEIR BEST.

Individuals can train towards becoming a Licensed Optician with NAIT Optical Sciences Programs.

Optical Sciences

Theory taken ONLINE is complimented by an on-the-job clinical.

For more information, go to:

<http://bit.ly/OpticalSciences>



Employment Opportunities



Seeking a bilingual certified optician to join our team.

Permanent full-time position. Remuneration will be based on experience. Please submit your resume in person or at visionplusmoncton@gmail.com



Vogue Optical, Bathurst is currently seeking an Optician/contact lens fitter

Must be bilingual. • Must be a licensed optician. • Have the ability to work in a team to ensure the overall success of the store. • Must have the ability to organize, set priorities, solve problems and work under limited supervision. • Excellent benefits offered with a competitive starting salary. • Permanent full-time position. Interested candidates can apply by fax: (902) 626-3610 or email: bmacdonald@vogueoptical.com



FYidocitors seeking Full Time Optician

King St. Fredericton

The Optician will be responsible for the retail and repair of eyewear products as well as follow-up patient care and has at least one year of previous optical experience.

40 hrs/week, Mon.- Fri.

Send application to the hiring manager.

See: <https://fyidocitors.com/en/careers>



Walmart Vision Centre Regent Mall, Fredericton is looking for a Dual Licensed Optician

If interested contact: District Manager Nichole Haley (506) 292-4265