

Opticians Association of New Brunswick

OANB Member News

Welcome new OANB Members!

Caroline Rodwell
Vogue Optical, Miramichi

Elizabeth Cairns
Iris Optometry, Fredericton

Véronique Cyr
Entrepôt de la Lunette /
Optical Warehouse, Edmundston



Optical Warehouse, Edmundston sent us this photo & message: "We are very proud of Véronique Cyr (above) who successfully passed her NACOR EG recently. Champagne, flowers & chocolate to celebrate!"



Jessica Jay, OAC Rep. and Stéphane Beaulieu, Optical Warehouse, recently welcomed new OANB Member Alex Fan to Fredericton.



Professional Development

Invitation from The New Brunswick Association of Optometrists (NBAO)

to the NBAO AGM - Sept. 29-30, 2023 at the Delta Beausejour, Moncton

Includes: CE Breakfast, Lunch and Expo

Up to 7 OANB credits | Cost: \$175.00

- Pearls of Best Practice Management Dalcye – 1 RF
- Be You: Supporting Trans Youth as They Navigate Healthcare – 1 RF
- The importance of Clinical Evidence in dry eye disease treatments - 1 EC
- Anatomy of the Eye – Joyce – 1 EC
- Revitalize Your Experience – Joyce 1 RF
- Case Studies: Effective management for chronic dry eye patient - 1 EC

For more information & to register see:

<https://optomaritime.ca/registration>



Overall amendments to the OANB Regulations Motion passed by the OANB Council

Amendments made to the Regulations reflect the fact that Colleges across Canada no longer require that a specific number of hours be accumulated during an apprentice's practical

training. All accredited optical courses must meet the strict requirements of Accreditation Canada, and optical courses now provide students with specific and focused tasks/competencies which they must complete during their practical work.

Competencies must be signed off as they are completed, by the student's sponsor and submitted to the school. This ensures students do not just put in time, but are always learning more during their practical training. Further basic amendments made, ensure the overall Regulations are relevant and easier to understand.

Council considered all comments received during the extended Motion period, before giving final approval to the motion, and submitting it to the Minister of Health for approval.

Thank you to all members who reviewed the changes, offered their comments and asked questions. Your participation is important. Member involvement makes your Association stronger and more relevant!

Meet A Member! Leo Agbozo



"My name is Leonard, and I came to Canada from Ghana as an international student back in 2015. After a year of enrolling in the Biology program at Crandall University, I learned that a few of my classmates were trying to redirect their courses to Oulton College. That was the first time I heard about Oulton College.

I attended an Oulton College open house event and that was when I met the lead Optician instructor who did a very good job breaking down what the optician course was all about. It piqued my interest right away and I applied to enroll.



Two years later, I was a dual-licensed optician and a contact lens fitter. It was not an easy journey, but with my hard work and commitment I was able to excel in everything I put my mind to.



I want to give a big shoutout to these three amazing ladies: Angela Oulton, Brigitte Gaudet & Khrysty Walters. They were truly a part of the reason I was able to become the optician I am today. Thank you

for all you have done for, not only me, but all the other opticians you taught and groomed at Oulton College."

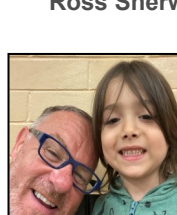


A Message from Chantale Belliveau

Twenty three years ago, I became a licensed optician and worked my way to where I wanted to be. I am proud of who I became as a professional, but today I made that difficult decision not to renew my license. I will always be thankful for the people who helped me grow throughout my career. I want to thank a wonderful mentor: Jeanne Hickey. A special thank you to Karen Crawford, who was always available throughout my apprenticeship. To the people who knew the tricks of the trade, and took time to show me: Jean-Paul Després, Mike Williston, Justin Lewis and Jane. Thank you to Suzèle Boudreau who shared her knowledge and professionalism. Thank you to all who worked extra hours outside of their regular week to create our Association. Without you, opticians would not have the recognition they have today. With my sincere appreciation to you all,

Chantale L. Belliveau

The Latest News from Ross Sherwood and OneSight



In May, I had the privilege of coordinating a clinic and travelling to Victoria, BC to serve on my 22nd clinic with OneSight.

A team of 15 Opticians, OD's and volunteers gathered for a one week clinic. We partnered with two inter-city schools and were blessed to serve 570 kids, pre- screening all, testing eyes of the 240 kids who did not pass the pre-screening and made glasses for the 142 who needed glasses.



It is such an honour to take part in these clinics. I believe we are called to "serve and give back in our lives" and that is just what the OneSight Essilor Luxottica - Ross

OANB APPRENTICE AREA

Welcome New OANB Apprentices!



Halley Wills

&

Cherie English



Would someone you know like to become an Optician?

Learn about the NAIT Online Optical Program

Next intake start date: Jan. 3, 2024

<https://www.nait.ca/programs/optical-sciences-eye-glasses?term=2023-fall>

PROGRAM LENGTH: 2 Academic Years

COST/TUITION: \$3,380.00 (DOMESTIC) | \$9,468.00 (INTERNATIONAL)

START DATE: September 2023

LOCATION: Moncton

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: PROFILE J

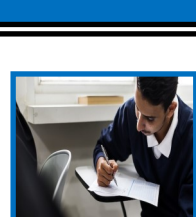
- High School Diploma
- Adult High School Diploma
- GED Diploma of High School Equivalency
- Essential Skills Achievement Pathway: Post-Secondary Entry High School Diploma
- Pre-calculus 110
- Geometry and Applications in Mathematics 112 and Functions and Relations 112

Total of three (3) sciences including at least two (2) from the following:

- Biology 112 or 122
- Chemistry 112 or 122
- Physics 112 or 122

- NB Francophone High School Math Equivalencies
- International Student Admission Equivalencies

To apply: NBCC.CA



NACOR EXAMINATION PREP RESOURCES!

NEXT EXAM : NOVEMBER 4-5, 2023

Free On-Demand via the OAC APP, including: recorded NACOR Examination Prep Sessions (Eyeglasses, Contact Lenses—Pathology, Exam Prep - Case Studies/Troubleshooting), sample questions,

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

Employment Opportunities



Vogue Optical is currently seeking a

Managing Optician, Shediac
Optician/contact lens fitter Bathurst

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 positions

Interested candidates can apply by fax: (902) 626-3610 or email: bmacdonald@vogueoptical.com



Optix by Dr Savoie, Campbellton

We are looking for a full-time optician or student optician to join our team Great team atmosphere. please send me an email: ffsavoye13@hotmail.com



VisionPLUS is seeking a bilingual certified optician to join their team! Permanent full time position

Remuneration will be based on experience. Please submit your resume in person or at visionplusmoncton@gmail.com.

we're hiring

IRIS

(Full/Part) time position

Competitive wages, based on experience Benefit program including health, dental, LTD, R SSP with employer contribution, EAP program Sales program, Periodic incentive program

Free eyeglasses annually, Family & Friends discount Store discount, referral bonus, paid vacation time off and personal days. Provincial Opticianry licensing fees and Liability insurance reimbursed.

IRIS The Visual Group is looking for a bilingual Optician in Dalhousie

What you need?

- Current NB Optician license
- Ability to communicate in both French and English
- Willingness to deliver excellent patient-care
- Be able to troubleshoot and support patients
- Contribute to team goals and positive environment
- Complete necessary administration

Like what you see? Click the link to apply:

<https://bit.ly/3VRFzG6>