

Oklahoma Department of Corrections
Unclassified Job Descriptor

OPTOMETRIST

Basic Purpose:

Under general direction, performs professional work as an optometrist by examining and testing eyes and prescribing lenses and treatment as necessary for the resident population at a state correctional institution or facility.

Typical Functions:

- Develops and administers a program of optometry services within the institution; participates in the integration of the optometry program with other programs of the institution.
- Examines patients' eyes for vision problems, disease, and other abnormal conditions and prescribes lenses and treatment as necessary.
- Fits patients with frames; fills out lab forms, and sends prescriptions to contracting laboratory; verifies prescription when it returns from laboratory; fits, adjusts, and dispenses eyeglasses or contact lenses to patient.
- Assists patients with prescriptions for eyeglasses from sources outside the institution; performs eyeglass repairs and re-examinations as necessary.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

Knowledge of the principles and practices of optometry; of current literature and recent developments in the field of optometry; and of the laws, regulations, and policies affecting the practice of optometry. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships; to gain the confidence and cooperation of patients; to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; and to apply principles of self-discipline necessary to serve the needs of the patient population.

Education and Experience:

Statutorily Required: N/A

Minimum Qualifications: Licensure to practice optometry in the state of Oklahoma.