

**Become a civilian Ophthalmic Technician today with IJCAHPO certification—a career that travels with you.**



**Veterans—**

# **Transition to or continue Your Career as an Ophthalmic Technician**



**From one  
great team  
to another.**

## **Job Demand**

**Ophthalmic Technicians are  
in high demand worldwide.**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a growth rate of 16% for the career through 2031, higher than the national average.

### **A Career with a Difference**

A career as an Ophthalmic Technician is fulfilling. Each day is another opportunity to make a difference in a person's life.

- Support the gift of sight
- Maintain and restore vision
- Help improve quality of life

### **Job Benefits**

- Rewarding profession with advancement potential
- Excellent salary and benefits
- Flexible hours in a comfortable office environment
- Immediate openings in clinics across the country...

...See our job board: [careers.jcahpo.org](https://careers.jcahpo.org)

**Your future as a civilian Ophthalmic Technician starts today!**

IJCAHPO is proud to work with the Society of Military Ophthalmologists and other passionate caregivers serving their community at clinics, hospitals, and universities.

## What Does an Ophthalmic Technician Do?

- Obtain patient medical history & perform initial exam
- Assess ocular diseases
- Determine whether corrective lenses or surgery is needed
- Conduct specialized diagnostic tests
- Assist ophthalmologists in a surgical setting
- Work with advanced medical technology
- Administer eye medications
- Participate in research
- Advocate for patients

*"I have excelled in civilian and military practice, now running the ophthalmic practice in Tampa, FL, for the USAF. Due to the knowledge I gained in the ophthalmic military technical school and the IJCAHPO certification, I have been able to expand my career beyond my expectations. Becoming an ophthalmic professional has solidified my foundation for success."*

—MSgt Andrew L., COA (Air Force Reserve)



## Join us. Here's how:

**Educational Programs:** Enroll in an ophthalmic training program sponsored by colleges, universities, hospitals, medical schools, or other institutions that meet national accreditation standards.

—OR—

**On-the-Job:** Most Allied Ophthalmic Professionals (AOP) are trained on the job in an ophthalmologist's office. They complete an approved independent study course while gaining clinical experience.



*"I currently serve as a Lead Ophthalmology Technician at a National Medical Center. I hold multiple certifications in Ophthalmology. I often tell my peers that we are in the heart of the clinic—meaning the core! As residents rotate and then graduate and active-duty physicians are deployed or out on TAD, we are the one constant in this clinic, and our patients appreciate it."*

*The eyes are the most sensitive spot on the body, and sight is the most treasured of the senses. It is rewarding to play a vital role in helping others to maximize and maintain their vision. I can honestly say that I LOVE what I do!"*

—Latosha A., COA, OSA (GS-Civilian)

### Avg Salary

**\$36,000–  
\$42,000**

starting technicians

**\$68,000–  
\$80,000**

experienced staff

**IJCAHPO is a non-profit organization that offers continuing education and certification to Allied Ophthalmic Personnel.**

**90%**

**Ophthalmic Technicians  
trained on-the-job**

Previous experience in eye care is not required to start your career as an Ophthalmic Technician.

**73%**

**Employers pay for  
continuing education**

**Military personnel and veterans** can apply for reimbursement of their education, continuing education, and certification expenses through the GI Bill.

For more information, visit: [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) (US) or [www.veterans.gc.ca/eng](http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng) (CA)



## IJCAHPO Mission

To promote global eye health and prevent blindness through training program accreditation, education, and the certification of Allied Ophthalmic Personnel.

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