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

Job Demand

Ophthalmic Technicians are in high demand worldwide.

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

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.
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 (US) or www.veterans.gc.ca/eng (CA)

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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.

**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!”

—I Sgt Andrew L., COA (Air Force Reserve)

“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.”

—a Sgt Andrew L., COA, OSA (GS-Civilian)

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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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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

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

—Latosha A., COA, OSA (GS-Civilian)

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