

An ophthalmic medical technologist is a valuable member of the health team working to preserve and improve vision. A skilled technologist performs various diagnostic tasks and measurements under the direction and supervision of a licensed physician who specializes in ophthalmology. Ophthalmic medical technologists do not diagnose illnesses or plan treatment, but perform many valuable supportive services for the physician. The profession provides continual opportunities to help people maintain or improve their vision. The program is looking for individuals willing to dedicate themselves to an interesting and rewarding career.



The Training Program

The School of Ophthalmic Medical Technology combines a highly qualified faculty with modern facilities, to provide a broad experience for students. Lectures, group discussions, seminars, field trips and supervised clinical work provide students with a comprehensive experience in ophthalmic medical technology.

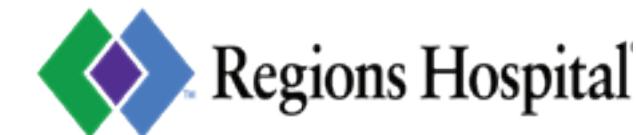
Developing professional attitudes is an important part of the program. Growth and improvement of clinical skills progress as the student trains under the supervision of certified ophthalmic medical personnel, physicians and other members of the health care team.

The program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation for Ophthalmic Medical Personnel (CoA-OMP).

The School of Ophthalmic Medical Technology does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status or disability in its educational policies, admission policies, or financial programs.



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The Ophthalmic Medical Technologist Program



Academic Credit

Regions Hospital School of Ophthalmic Medical Technology is licensed as a private career school with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, sections 136A.821 to 136A.832

Licensure is not an endorsement of the institution. Credits earned at the institution may not transfer to all other institutions.

Minnesota Office of Higher Education
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Financial Information

Tuition is due/payable at the beginning of each term. The program follows the statutory policy for licensed schools regarding refunds. The student is responsible for any additional expenses such as books, health insurance, housing, transportation, etc.

The program has been approved for VA Educational Benefits.

Federal Financial Aid is not available for students enrolled in this program.

Application Requirements

A completed application consists of the following items: completed application form; official high school and college transcripts; and, three references who have responded on the official reference form. Applicants whose files are complete will be scheduled for a required personal interview. Admission preference is given to applicants who have completed at least two years of college-level courses (60 semester credits). Applicants must have completed a college-level general psychology course with a final grade of "C" or better. The program does not award credit for experiential learning, does not admit students on the basis of advanced standing and does not accept transfer credits from other institutions.

Acceptance to the Program

Acceptance is competitive and satisfaction of basic requirements does not guarantee admission.

When accepted, a non-refundable deposit is required. A physical examination, at applicant's expense, may be required after acceptance and prior to beginning the program. Personal health insurance is required, at student's expense, while enrolled in the program.

The First Year

The program begins a new class each year in early September and continues for nine months. Classes are conducted at The School of Ophthalmic Medical Technology classroom. The curriculum includes: Human Anatomy & Physiology, Ophthalmic Pharmacology, Survey of Eye Disease, Ophthalmic Photography, Ocular Motility, Microbiology, Medical Terminology, Aseptic Technique and Surgical Assisting, Ophthalmic Optics, as well as courses and hands-on workshops which deal with a broad spectrum of tests that are routinely performed by ophthalmic medical personnel.

The Second Year

The second year, is a 12 month, full-time externship. Emphasis during this phase of training is on the clinical application of previously attained knowledge and skills. Supervised clinical training is conducted in the eye clinics of HealthPartners Clinics, Hennepin County Medical Center, The University of Minnesota clinics, a local surgery center, as well as private ophthalmology practices in the Twin Cities area.



After Graduation

Employment opportunities are excellent, in the Twin Cities, the Midwest, and throughout the United States. Ophthalmic medical technologists are employed in a variety of clinical settings for which the ophthalmologist is responsible. They include hospital outpatient eye clinics, physician multi-specialty group practices, private ophthalmology practices and university ophthalmology departments. Salaries compare favorably with other allied health professionals at the same level.