



Be A Student Field Supervisor

The Distance Delivery learning option is very important for British Columbia. It is often impossible for those who wish to become Opticians to leave their home community to pursue the required course of study. In some instances cost of relocation is a challenge. In other instances the candidate is already established in a dispensary in an ancillary capacity and wishes to work to maintain a source of income while studying. Our new Field Supervisor program for students enrolled in the NAIT/OAC training programs is designed to focus on providing resource for both supervisors and students.

The Opticians Association of Canada will be implementing a Field Supervisor Program into the NAIT/OAC Optical Programs effective September 2007. NAIT/OAC is looking for Opticians in British Columbia who are prepared to take on this responsibility.

Field Supervision assists in ensuring that both the student and supervisor are aware of the requirements and responsibilities of the practical component of the NAIT/OAC Optical Programs. It is also another way for students and/or supervisors to ask for clarification on certain practical requirements of the program.

- The number of Field Supervisors required will be dependent on the number of students enrolled in the Program and the time that the identified Field Supervisor is able to commit to the project.
- Volunteering as a Field Supervisor will attract continuing education credits from the College of Opticians of British Columbia.
- Out-of-pocket expenses incurred will be reimbursed by the OAC.

The requirements of the Field Supervisor are as follows:

- Perform 2 phone call interviews with the student throughout the academic year. (One call at the end of October and one at the end of January)
- Perform 1 phone call interview with the students' supervisor throughout the academic year. (Mid-January)
- If feasible, perform an onsite visit and interview with the student and supervisor.
- Record the results of the interviews on the supplied interview forms and fax the results to the Opticians Association of Canada office.
- Attend a conference call with the Opticians Association of Canada CAO of Academic Programs and all other Field Supervisors across Canada to discuss any questions and or concerns. This conference call will be held at the beginning of September.

- Be a contact person for the students and supervisors regarding practical questions related to the program.
- Contact the Provincial Education Chairperson or Opticians Association of Canada with any other concerns or questions from the students and/or supervisor throughout the year.

Field Supervisor for the 2007/2008 academic year must be appointed by **July 31, 2007**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lindsay Enns at the OAC office at 1-800-847-3155 or via email at lenns@opticians.ca