

Become a Vision Screening Optician



Under 40% of the population see an eye care professional. Vision screening is an important tool to identify people that need to be under the care of an eye care professional. BC opticians represent a task force that is the front-line position to provide free

vision screening as part of a community outreach program. By becoming an Optician with advanced practice credentials in vision screening, you will be able to:

- increase your profile in your community by being the first contact in the vision care system
- identify potential consumers who are at risk for eye disease or unaware they need corrective eyewear
- educate consumers about the roles and services of Opticians and
- list yourself as a Vision Screening Optician on the College of Opticians website

Register for part 1 of the vision screening program (community outreach) training workshop:

February 12, 2012

1PM - 4PM

Comfort Hotel & Conference Centre
3020 Blanshard Street
Victoria, BC

February 19, 2012

1PM - 4PM

Manteo Resort Waterfront Hotel
3762 Lakeshore Road
Kelowna, BC

March 4, 2012

Douglas College
700 Royal Avenue
New Westminster, BC

Cost: \$75 OBC: Members / Non-Members \$100

Register online at: <http://www.opticians.bc.ca>

2 steps to become recognized as a Vision Screening Optician in BC

- 1) Complete part 1 of the vision screening program (community outreach) worth 9 EC credits:
 - Course material (workshop or online module)
 - Online multiple choice exam
 - Practicum (3 hours of community outreach volunteering)
- 2) Complete part 2 of the vision screening program (specialize in children/adults) worth 6 EC credits:
 - Course material (workshop or online module)
 - Online multiple choice exam

Part 2 of the vision screening program will become available in the of fall 2012

Vision Screening Opportunities

The COBC and OBC are partnering together on a vision screening campaign, featuring a vision screening mobile that will tour around BC to hold various vision screening events during the spring and summer of 2012.

Opticians who have completed part 1 of the vision screening course material will have the opportunity to complete their practicum by volunteering at a vision screening event.

Stay tuned for announcements on the dates of upcoming vision screening events.