



**Internet-based Optometric Technician Program
Madison Area Technical College
Mentor Information**

The online Optometric Technician Program utilizes office mentors to assist the student in learning the skills required by an optometric technician. The courses that require a mentor/preceptor are:

- Basic Optical Concepts
- Optical Dispensing 1 & 2
- Ophthalmic Pretesting
- Contact Lenses
- Ophthalmic Specialty Testing

The role of the mentor/clinic preceptor is to:

- Assist the student when learning and practicing skills such as but not limited to: entrance tests, visual acuity, keratometry, lensometry, blood pressure measurement, tonometry, visual field testing, slit lamp procedures, frame alignment, frame adjustment, contact lens verification and contact lens patient education.
- Acquire the instrumentation and supplies needed for the student when practicing and performing skills evaluation.
- Be available an average of 2-3 hours per week to assist the student in skill development and evaluation.
- Evaluate the student's performance in the various optometric technician skills.

Mentors must have knowledge and skills in the content area of the course and must be approved by the Optometric Technician Program Director. Mentors for the online program must be one of the following:

1. Optometrist or Ophthalmologist.
2. Technician program graduate.
3. Certified Optometric Technician (CPOT) with current work experience in the content area of the course.
4. Certified Ophthalmic Assistant (COA), Certified Ophthalmic Technician (COT) or Certified Ophthalmic Medical Technologist (COMT) with current work experience in the content area of the course.
5. Certified or licensed optician with current work experience in the content area of the course.

The Optometric Technician Program will provide the mentor with a guidebook that includes information about each of the lab activities and the evaluation checklists.

For questions about the mentor/clinical preceptor role in the online Optometric Technician Program please contact Angie Gray, agray@madisoncollege.edu or 608 246-6557.