

Triton College Ophthalmic Technician Technical Standards

The standards found below are necessary with or without accommodation to complete the Ophthalmic Technician program and function within this field as an employee.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS:

- Communicate effectively in English to patients, families, and other health care providers, both verbally and in writing
- Establish rapport with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds
- Show empathy and compassion as part of the ophthalmic staff
- Function effectively under supervision and follow direction
- Computer literacy for Blackboard Learning as well as Electronic Medical Record (EMR) documentation

CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS:

- Effectively function under stress
- Appropriately respond to emergencies
- Adhere to infection control procedures
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills in medical office environment
- Use sound judgment and universal safety precautions
- Address problems or questions to the appropriate persons at the appropriate time
- Efficiently organize and prioritize duties

MOTOR SKILLS:

- Move from room to room and maneuver in small, dark spaces
- Reach above shoulder level, use standing balance, and bending
- Lift and carry up to 50 lbs. and exert up to 100 lbs. force for pushing/pulling
- Use manual dexterity; sufficient fine motor function
- Must be able to walk and stand for extended periods of time
- Perform CPR, BLS and first aid at the provider level
- Travel to and from academic and clinical sites

SENSORY SKILLS:

- Coordinate verbal and manual instruction
- Auditory ability sufficient to hear verbal communication from clients and members of the health team; includes ability to respond to emergency signals.
- Perceive soft sounds/ beeps
- Have sufficient visual acuity to document and review patient charts
- Be comfortable working in close physical proximity to patient (face to face)
- Function effectively under supervision and follow direction
- Sufficient understanding of the English language to comprehend information from lectures and textbooks

PROFESSIONALISM:

- Be dependable and punctual
- Follow policies and procedures required by academic and clinical settings
- Adhere to Triton College Academic Honesty Policy (per College Catalog and OPH Handbook)
- Adhere to Triton College Code of Conduct (per College Catalog and OPH Handbook)
- Follow the guidelines set forth in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

I _____ acknowledge I have been made aware of the Ophthalmic Technician Standards and am able to perform all skills listed. I will follow and adhere to the Triton College Academic Honesty Policy, Code of Conduct, all policies in the Triton College Ophthalmic Technician Handbook, and will follow HIPAA guidelines Act.

I acknowledge and understand that some skills will be “spot checked” while at OPH orientation to ensure performance ability. Failure to successfully perform these skills while in lecture, lab, or Clinical Practicum may lead to termination from the Ophthalmic Technician Program. _____ (initial)

Date _____