



Ophthalmic Technician Education Program Application

*The **Ophthalmic Technician Education Program (OTEP)** provides students interested in an allied health career in ophthalmology, the opportunity to train at the Southern California Eye Institute.*

OTEP is an education and workforce training program that includes on-line didactic lectures and in-person clinical training at the Southern California Eye Institute and its affiliated clinics. The program's duration is 12 months.

Program Dates: July 6, 2026 to June 25, 2027

Tuition: \$500.00 non-refundable commitment fee must be made to secure position in the program once accepted to OTEP. This fee does not apply toward tuition costs.

\$4200.00 tuition for the 12-month program. Payment options are available. Financial aid is not available.

Admission: *Applications for admission to OTEP are available on our website: www.sceyes.org/OTEP.*

Upon receipt and review of all application materials, an admissions committee will invite qualified candidates for virtual interviews via Zoom.

Applicants to OTEP must have a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate (GED) by the start date of the program.

Applications for admission must include (refer to OTEP Application and Supplemental Materials Checklist below):

1. A completed Southern California Eye Institute OTEP application form
2. High school transcript
3. Transcripts from all universities and colleges attended (if applicable)
4. A resume
5. Responses to short-answer questions
6. Two letters of reference
7. Proof of full major medical insurance

Questions or concerns about OTEP should be addressed to carlos.lastra@sceyes.org or call (833)270-3937
Application materials may be sent electronically to carlos.lastra@sceyes.org

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CLINICAL TRAINING (IF APPLICABLE)

Name and Location	Inclusive Dates	Area(s) of Training

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (IF APPLICABLE)

List in chronological order the positions you have held during the last five years

Firm/Institution	Job Title/Description of Duties	Inclusive Dates

SIGNATURE

I certify that all information submitted in this application process—including the application, the personal essay, resume, transcript and any other supporting materials—is my own work, factually true, and honestly presented, and that these documents will become the property of the institution to which I am applying and will not be returned to me. I understand that I may be subject to a range of possible disciplinary actions, including admission revocation to the program, should the information I have certified be false.

Signature of applicant:	Date:
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Short Answer Responses

On the space provided below, please address the following prompts. (250-500 words per question)

1. What are your professional career aspirations and why?



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2. What are your expectations of and reasons for participating in the Southern California Eye Institute Ophthalmic Technician Educational Program?

Letters of Reference

Please provide 2 letters of reference using the OTEP Applicant Evaluation Form. Evaluations must be completed by employer, supervisor, counselor, or teacher only.

OTEP APPLICATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS CHECKLIST

Checklist:

In order to consider your application to be complete, you must submit the following materials:

Completed application with date and signature.

If your highest level of educational attainment is high school, please include a high school transcript or a High School Equivalency (GED) Certificate.

If you have attended a post-secondary educational institution/college or received a certificate or college degree, please include transcripts from all colleges attended.

If you have previous clinical training experience, please provide the requested information.

If you have previous job experience, please include your most recent 5 positions held.

One-page resume. Please include any organizations/clubs in which you were a member, and a list of honors or awards that you have received.

Your responses to the 2 short-answer questions.

2 letters of reference.

Application Deadline: May 22, 2026*

* Applicants are encouraged to apply early, as the number of spaces in the program is limited. Applications are reviewed as they're received.

All applications and supplemental information must be submitted electronically to carlos.lastra@sceyes.org