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OPTHAMALOGIST

* **Correct Name of the Career**
  + Ophthalmologist
* **Education and/or Training Required**
  + To be an orthopedist, you must be hard-working, motivated, caring, understanding, and coordinated. You must also work well under pressure and have good vision.
  + General high school courses should include anatomy, physiology, biology, psychology, and Health Science. For extracurricular activities, you may consider participating in science fairs or being on the academic team.
  + To be an ophthalmologist, you must complete a 4-year bachelor’s degree, which will include several key science courses. Since medical school is very competitive, some choose to get their master’s degree before applying. After graduating medical school, you will be a certified medical doctor (MD) and from there, a 1-year internship must be completed in either general medicine or surgery to be able to enter a 3-year ophthalmology residency program. Finally, you will need to pass the exams set by the American Board of Ophthalmology (ABO) and obtain a license from the state in which you will be working.
  + There is no required post-graduate work needed to become an ophthalmologist.
* **Responsibilities and Daily Activities**
  + Responsibilities and daily activities include taking patients’ medical history, diagnosing problems by examining patients’ eyes and performing tests, recommending medication or surgery to treat diseases and disorders, performing surgeries on patients’ eyes, and possibly performing routine eye exams and prescribing corrective lenses.
  + There are many subspecialties within ophthalmology pertaining to different parts of the eye and different diseases, including cornea and external diseases, cataract and refractive surgery, and glaucoma.
  + Orthopedists are employed by hospitals, clinics, or private practices. They spend time in offices and operating rooms.
* **Salary Range**
  + Ophthalmologists earn from $100,000 to $400,000 annually.
  + These values are specific to Kentucky.
  + Earnings may depend on experience, location, reputation, subspecialty, and whether or not they are self-employed.
* **Documentation of Sources**
  + Career Cruising. (nd). Ophthalmologist. [accessed 6 November 2014]. Retrieved from https://www2.careercruising.com/careers/profile-at-a-glance/622.
* **Self-Reflection**
  + I had heard of this career before.
  + Ophthalmologists are paid very well.
  + You’d have to go to school for a very long time.
  + I would not like to have this job.
  + There’s too much schooling involved.