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OPTOMETRIST

* **Correct Name of the Career**
	+ Optometrist
* **Education and/or Training Required**
	+ To be an optometrist, you must be good with people, able to work independently, and have business training. You should also be patient and have good communication skills.
	+ 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.
	+ You must complete at least three years of studies in college to be accepted into optometry school. Although, most applicants have a 4-year bachelor’s degree. The Optometry Admission Test (OAT) must also be passed before applying. All optometry programs last four years and at the end, you will receive your Doctor of Optometry (OD) degree. You also need a license in all states.
	+ There is no required post-graduate work needed to become an optometrist.
* **Responsibilities and Daily Activities**
	+ Responsibilities and daily activities include using instruments to test patients’ eyes, prescribing corrective lenses or rehabilitative treatment, providing vision therapy for patients with vision problems, referring patients to doctors if evidence of diabetes or other diseases is found, and possibly prescribing medication for eye diseases.
	+ Subspecialties within optometry include geriatric, pediatric, sport, and vision therapy.
	+ Optometrists work in private practices, department or optical stores, hospitals, or manufacturers of safety glasses. They spend time in offices and treatment rooms.
* **Salary Range**
	+ Optometrists earn from $45,000 to $200,000 annually.
	+ These values are specific to Kentucky.
	+ Earnings may depend on experience, specialization, type of employment, and geographic location.
* **Documentation of Sources**
	+ Career Cruising. (nd). Optometrist. [accessed 6 November 2014]. Retrieved from https://www2.careercruising.com/careers/profile-at-a-glance/314.
* **Self-Reflection**
	+ I had heard of this career before.
	+ Some optometrists are paid very well.
	+ Others are not paid very well.
	+ I would not like to have this job.
	+ I’m not very interested in the eye.