



ISD Virtual Learning

HS Introduction to Health Services/ Career Exploration: Optometrist

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High School/Introduction to Health Services
Lesson: Thursday, May 21

Objective/Learning Target:
**Describe the activities, responsibilities and training for a
career as an Ophthalmologist**



Warm Up #1 Make a list of medical careers that will expand the most given the aging of our population.

Warm Up #2 Describe the difference between an optometrist and ophthalmologist? (Do your best- give it a guess!)



Warm Up Answers:

Warm Up #1 Geriatrics, Urology and Oncology are the three biggest, with optometry being in the top 50.

Warm Up #2 Optometrists specialize in vision care. Specifically, they examine eyes, diagnose eye problems and prescribe corrections.



Lesson Activity: Video Notes

To begin this part of the lesson, get out a blank sheet of paper and something to write with. Your task in this section is to watch a short video over optometry as a career, and take notes over what you see. Start by dividing your paper into 2 columns- label the left side POSITIVES and the right side NEGATIVES.

As you proceed through this lesson, add notations in the appropriate columns as you learn more about this career. Remember that there are no right or wrong answers- just your personal feelings about each topic.

When you are ready to begin, [click HERE to see the video](#)



Next let's look at what optometrist do.

Look at the BLS.gov page over optometry careers. As you read, add notes to your t-chart in the appropriate columns.

When you are ready to begin, [click here to open the BLS.gov page](#)

Pay special attention to the last section that discusses the difference between ophthalmologists and opticians.



How to become an Optometrist

In this part of the lesson, we will look at the education and licensure needed to work as an optometrist. Look over this [BLS.gov web page](#) that is titled How to Become an Optometrist.

Add notes to your t-chart as you read.



Important Qualities of an Optometrist

In this part of the lesson, we will look at the personal qualities needed to work as an optometrist. Look over this [BLS.gov web page](#) that discusses How to Become an Optometrist and find the Important Qualities section at the bottom of the page.

Add notes to your t-chart as you read. Be honest with yourself- place the qualities in the POSITIVES or NEGATIVES based on whether or not those qualities are relative personal strengths you possess.



Optometrist Income

In this part of the lesson, we will look at the income potential for optometrists. Look over this [BLS.gov web page](#) that discusses pay.

Being honest with yourself, put the word PAY in the column where you think it best fits.



Extra Resources: Local Optometry Schools

If you are still interested in a career as an optometrist, check out these schools that offer training in this area:

[University of Missouri at St Louis](#)

[Illinois College of Optometry](#)

[Midwestern University- Chicago](#)

For a list of all 27 Doctor of Optometry degree programs, [click here](#)