

- ▶ Are you seeking a rewarding career?
- ▶ Do you enjoy working with people?
- ▶ Are you a critical thinker with a love of learning?

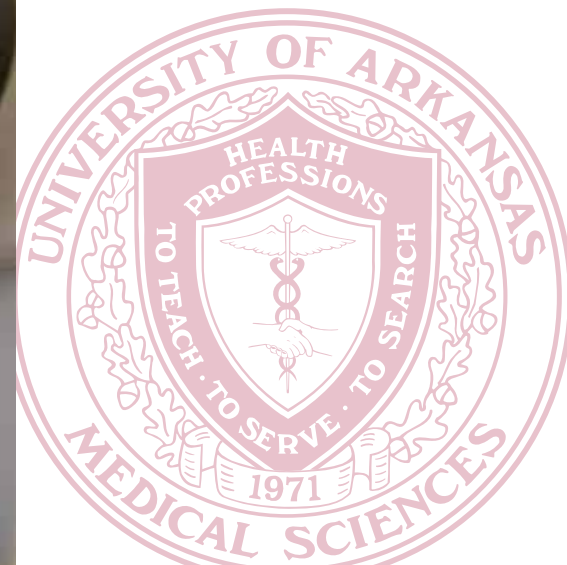
BECOME A HIGHLY SKILLED MEMBER OF A PROFESSIONAL EYE CARE TEAM

“ Eyes have always been intriguing to me. The Ophthalmic Medical Technology program gave me the perfect opportunity to learn more in the most unique academic setting in the country. When I first went to Jones Eye Institute, I was immediately impressed and knew I would be getting the best education possible in an incredible, hands-on clinic. ”

Cayla Troyer, Ophthalmic Medical Technologist, Class of 2015

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A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PROGRAM AT A MAJOR ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTER

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) offers one of only five accredited* Ophthalmic Medical Technology (OMT) programs in the U.S. It is also one of only two Bachelor of Science programs in the nation, and the only program integrated into a major eye clinic — the UAMS Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute.

As part of an exceptional bachelor's degree program, students benefit from regular engagement with ophthalmologists, medical residents and certified ophthalmic medical technologists (COMTs) in both classrooms and state-of-the-art clinics.



*Commission on Accreditation of Ophthalmic Medical Programs

A Comprehensive Two-Year Curriculum Paired with Exceptional Hands-On Clinical Experience

- The intensive curriculum covers the anatomy and physiology of the eye, ocular medication, optics, systemic diseases and ocular pathology.
- Extensive clinical training at the UAMS Jones Eye Institute, as well as clinical rotations at the John L. McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital and Arkansas Children's Hospital, prepare students for on-the-job interactions with patients, physicians and clinic staff.
- UAMS students pursue national OMT certification, differentiating them from noncertified job seekers and setting the stage for their career advancement. The first-time pass rate is 80 to 100 percent.
- Small classes and individualized attention provide OMT students with a stimulating educational environment and the skills to begin a successful career.

Perform Critical Functions to Assist in the Clinic and the Operating Room

Ophthalmic medical technologists:

- Collect visual and medical histories.
- Perform diagnostic tests.
- Measure for lens prescriptions.
- Assist in ophthalmic surgery.
- Work with infants, children and adults.
- Care for patients with deficiencies and abnormalities of the eyes such as glaucoma, cataracts and diabetic retinopathy.

OMT Graduates Enjoy Exceptional Career Opportunities

- The United States faces a shortage of ophthalmic technicians as baby boomers require more regular eye care and ophthalmic practitioners retire.
- Physicians must delegate more responsibility to trained personnel to meet the demands of greater patient volume.
- Approximately six times more technicians are required to meet the market demand than are currently trained and available, according to The Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO).
- Numerous entry-level job opportunities can be found in private clinics, group practices and academic departments of ophthalmology.
- The OMT bachelor's degree can serve as a foundation for other positions in health care, among them optometrists, orthoptists and physician assistants, as well as the pursuit of graduate degrees.

Out-of-State Students in Southern States may Qualify for Tuition Savings

The Ophthalmic Medical Technology Program at UAMS was recently accepted to the Academic Common Market of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). Through the SREB's regional tuition-savings program, qualified students in the following states may qualify for scholarship opportunities and in-state tuition: Alabama, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia. Visit www.sreb.org/acm for more information.