

**Alberta's Health Regions and Voluntary Organizations and the Health Sciences Association of Alberta (HSAA)**

This classification specification identifies representative duties and responsibilities, and is intended to assist in the determination of the appropriate classification level within each discipline. Some duties and responsibilities may overlap between class levels. The classification specification is not intended to provide an exhaustive list of all duties performed.

Classification Title: **Ophthalmic Technician I**

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**Job Summary:**

The Ophthalmic Technician I performs technical work involving use of a variety of testing equipment to measure and evaluate visual field, retinal function and intraocular pressure in order to evaluate conditions affecting the eye.

**Key Responsibilities and Typical Duties:**

**Core Duties**

- Reviews medical referrals and conducts preliminary tests to assess patient's tolerance to diagnose testing, assess vision, retinal function, intraocular pressure and flow of intraocular fluids.
- Performs diagnostic Ophthalmic procedures under the direction an Ophthalmologist.
- Takes anatomical and functional ocular measurements (e.g. A-Scan) and tests ocular functions.
- Organizes and analyses ophthalmological data recorded.
- Takes prescribed measurements and notations, and advises physician of unusual readings or equipment/recording problems.
- Administers advanced ocular motility and binocular function tests.

**Other Related Duties**

- Prepares patients for laser and minor procedures.
- Instructs and educates the patient on procedure and equipment.
- Operates, maintains and troubleshoots a variety of monitoring and recording equipment.

**Leadership**

- Assists in staff orientation and training of students.

**Decision-Making**

- Determines the need for additional testing and administers additional tests as deemed necessary.

**Knowledge:**

**Education**

- Diploma from an accredited Ophthalmic Technology Program.

**Registration Requirements**

- Certified by the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO).

**Working Conditions:**

**Physical Demands**

- Standing and sitting for prolonged periods of time.

**Work Environment**

- Works in standard clinic environment.