**PROGRAM FACT SHEET**

OPHTHALMIC SURGICAL ASSISTANTC45880

This curriculum is designed to prepare qualified Ophthalmic Personnel with the educational preparation necessary to assume the

role of the Ophthalmic Surgical Assistant.

Students will apply theoretical knowledge to the care of ophthalmic surgical patients and develop the skills necessary to prepare supplies, equipment, and instruments; maintain aseptic conditions; prepare patients for ophthalmic surgery; and assist Ophthalmologists during surgery.

Graduates may be eligible to apply for the Ophthalmic Surgical Assistant national certification exam. Employment opportunities include hospitals, clinics, and educational institutions.

Individuals entering the certificate curriculum must currently be employed as a Certified Ophthalmic Assistant (COA).

##### Awards

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| **Associate Degree:** N/A | **Length of Program:**  **Prerequisite:** |
| **Diploma:** N/A | **Length of Program:**  **Prerequisite:** |
| **Certificate:** Ophthalmic Surgical Assistant Certificate (C45880) | Length of Program: 3 Semester **Prerequisite:** High School Graduate or GED, and currently employed as Certified Ophthalmic Assistant (COA), Certified Ophthalmic Technician (COT), or Certified Ophthalmic Medical Technologist (COMT) |

**Work-Based Learning Requirements/Opportunities:** For Work-Based Learning education requirements/opportunities please see the appropriate Program Sequencing sheet.

**Certification Information:** Graduates may be eligible to sit for the OSA sub-specialty certification administered by the International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO).

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**Application Deadlines:** The program is designed for a student to enter during the Fall semester.

**Scholarship/Title IV Financial Aid/VA Services:** Scholarships/Title IV Financial Aid/Veteran's assistance may be available for associate degrees. Certificates and diplomas that fall under this program/area of study **may or may not be eligible** for Scholarship/Title IV Financial Aid/VA Services. Please contact the Financial Aid Office, Student Center, Room 2; Telephone (910) 678-8242. Veterans Services, General Classroom Building, Room 202, (910) 678-8580.

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