

## Awards

Associate Degree: N/A  
Length of Program:  
Prerequisite:

Diploma: N/A  
Length of Program:  
Prerequisite:

Diploma: Ophthalmic Surgical Assistant Certificate (C45880)  
Length of Program: 3 Semesters  
Prerequisite: High School Diploma or GED, and currently employed as Certified Ophthalmic Assistant (COA), Certified Ophthalmic Technician (COT), or Certified Ophthalmic Medical Technologist (COMT)

## Program Information Contact

### Curriculum Chairperson

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**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).

JCAHPO  
2025 Woodlane Drive  
St. Paul, MN 55125  
(651) 731-2944

## Other Important Information

**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.

**Allied Health Technologies NC SARA Statement:** The Ophthalmic Surgical Assistant Program is designed to meet the educational requirements for the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO) in North Carolina. For more information, please visit our program webpage at <https://www.faytechcc.edu/academics/health-programs/ophthalmic-surgical-assistant/>.



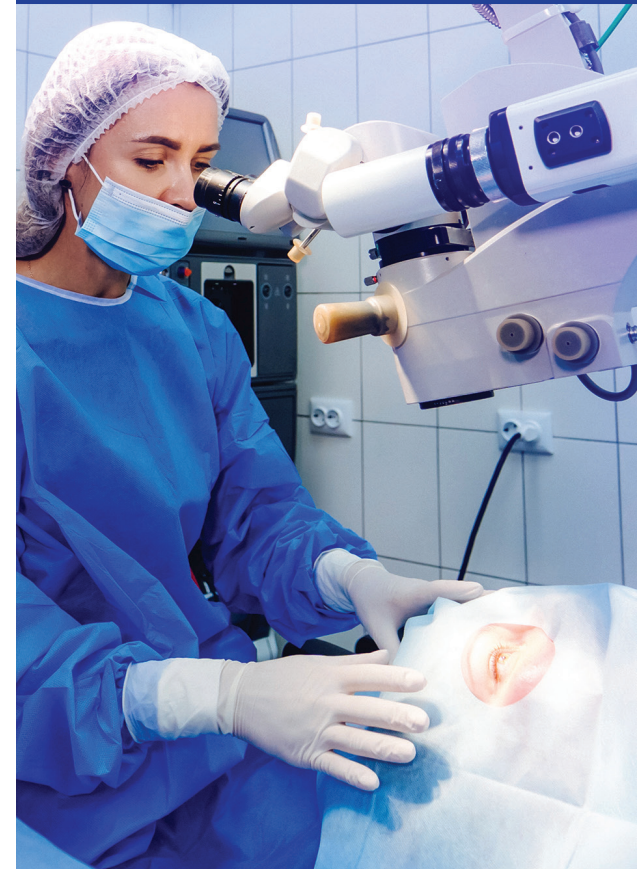
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# OPHTHALMIC SURGICAL ASSISTANT



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# PROGRAM FACT SHEET OPHTHALMIC SURGICAL ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE (C45880)



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).

## FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPHTHALMIC SURGICAL ASSISTANT (C45880)

Effective: Fall 2020

Revised: 01/02/20

Length: 3 Semesters

**Prerequisite:** High School Graduate or GED, and currently employed as Certified Ophthalmic Assistant (COA), Certified Ophthalmic Technician (COT), or Certified Ophthalmic Medical Technologist (COMT)

**Award:** Certificate

### SEMESTER 1

Prefix	No.	Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
OSA	101	Intro to Ophthalmic Surg Asst	3	0	0	3
OPH	151	Ocular Anat. & Physiology	2	0	0	2
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>

### SEMESTER 2

Prefix	No.	Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
OSA	102	Ophthalmic Skills & Practices	5	6	0	7
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>

### SEMESTER 3

Prefix	No.	Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
WBL	111	Work-Based Learning I (Clinical Preceptorship I)	0	0	10	1
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>

**TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS...13**

**Work-Based Learning Option:** Students are required to take one (1) credit hour of work-based learning. WBL-111 Work-Based Learning 1 (Clinical Preceptorship I).

Students with a felony conviction may have limited certification and employment opportunities.

**Students are responsible for arranging WBL/Clinical rotation with their ophthalmologist.**



Refer to the FTCC website for the most current information. Go to [www.faytechcc.edu](http://www.faytechcc.edu) and click on College Catalog.