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**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/](https://www.faytechcc.edu/academics/health-programs/ophthalmic-surgical-assistant/).

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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).

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