



Optometric Assisting

- Program Content:** This Optometric Assisting program is designed to prepare students for employment in the eye care profession. Optometric assistants work with Optometrists, Ophthalmologists, Opticians, and other eye-care professionals. Course work includes ocular anatomy and physiology, eye diseases, refractive errors, extensive vision testing and patient histories, fitting eyeglasses and contact lenses, and business management of the eyecare office. Optometric Assisting students are eligible to sit for the Certified Paraoptometric Assistant Examination upon program completion. Program approved by the American Optometric Association.
- Admissions:** Apply to MTC at <https://manateetech.edu/apply-now/>. Submit your application to access your "To Do List."
Email mtcalledhealth@manateeschools.net to request a virtual **mandatory** information session.
Complete your "To-Do List" at <https://www.MTCdashboard.net>.
The deadline for your completed "To-Do List" is 4 weeks prior to the class start date.
Note: The Basic Skills Assessment must be taken within 6 weeks of your admit date unless exemption criteria have been documented per State Statute. For exemption information, see the Student Handbook located here:
<https://www.manateetech.edu/quick-docs/>
- Length of Program:** **Full-Time:** 1080 hours – approximately 10 months to complete, 200 hours clinical
- Dual Enrollment:** Yes
- Industry Certification:** Program graduates are prepared to earn the AOA Certified Paraoptometric Assistant (CPOA) certification.
- Articulation:** May be available towards credits at Florida public colleges/universities. Speak with a Career Counselor for more information.
- Job Placement Rate:** 75%
- On-Time Completion Rate:** 100%
- Location:** MTC East Campus, 5520 Lakewood Ranch Blvd., Bradenton, FL 34211
941.752.8100
- Start Date:** **Day:** August
- Start Time:** **Day:** **Monday – Friday** 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- For More Information:** Contact the Career Counselor at 941.752.8100 x 2032, [Email](#)

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Estimated Tuition, Lab, and Fees (<i>includes administrative fee</i>)	\$4195.60
Additional Fees Due Prior to Pre-Admittance	
Application Fee	\$30.00
Physical Examination & Immunizations	Price Varies
Background Check (<i>All for Life</i>)	\$58.00
Bookstore	
Textbooks (<i>day program only</i>)	\$202.40
Patches (two patches must be purchased)	\$10.00
Additional Required Items (Outside Vendor)	
Uniforms – Pewter Color Scrubs	Price Varies
<i>Estimated Total Cost of Program</i>	\$4496.00

Financial aid available depending on student's eligibility

All pre-admission fees are non-refundable and not covered by Financial Aid. Prices are subject to change.

Annual fees (charged each academic year from July 1—June 30).

Textbook estimate. Current book list and prices: <http://manateetech.edu/current-students/bookstore/>

Tuition is \$2.92 per hour for Florida residents. Tuition is \$11.71 per hour for Non-Florida residents.

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