

Essential Functions of the Optometric Technician Student

Issue	Standard	Examples
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment and professional behavior.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Maintain confidentiality. ➤ Identify cause-effect relationship in clinical settings. ➤ Prioritize and flex with change. ➤ Follow a process from start to finish, utilizing sequential steps established. ➤ Organize workload and manage time in order to complete technical tasks within realistic time limits.
Interpersonal Skills	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with others from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Establish a good working relationship with patients, teachers, classmates, coworkers, and supervisors. ➤ Be honest and forthright about errors. ➤ Critically evaluate performance, accept constructive criticism, and be responsible for improving performance. ➤ Be compassionate and ethical.
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Follow written and oral directions. ➤ Enter and retrieve data on a computer terminal. ➤ Maintain clear, concise, and accurate patient records and reports. ➤ Communicate concisely, effectively, and courteously with patients.
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to maneuver as required to perform patient pretesting, contact lens dispensing, and dispensing of eyewear.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Move freely and safely about the office or clinic. ➤ Reach eyewear displays above and below eye level. ➤ Testing may be performed in either a standing or sitting position.
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective patient care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Grasp and turn joystick of optical instruments. ➤ Grasp, twist wrist, and apply pressure to optical dispensing tools. ➤ Manipulate contact lenses and be able to apply them to a patient's eye. ➤ Type minimum of 25 wpm.
Hearing	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor equipment and assess patient needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recognize and respond to patient's words. ➤ Hear auscultatory sounds during blood pressure measurement.

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Seeing	Visual ability sufficient to monitor equipment and assess patient needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Observe patient responses. ➤ Read gauges and instrument printouts accurately ➤ See into eyepiece of microscope and optical instruments distinguishing detail.
Touching	Tactile ability sufficient for technical procedures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Clean and polish soft and rigid contact lenses. ➤ Apply and remove soft and rigid contact lenses on patient's eye. ➤ Palpate for pulses. ➤ Apply eye drops and ointment to patient's eye.
Emotional Endurance	Ability to work in a moderate to high stress environment, responds to emergencies, and maintains emotional control.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Calmly react to urgent situations. ➤ Perform multiple tasks and establish priorities.
Environmental Safety	Ability to protect self and others from environmental risks and hazards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Do frequent hand washing. ➤ Follow established safety procedures.

