

# OPHTHALMIC ASSISTANT PROGRAM

## FREE CLASSES

- The Ophthalmic Assistant program trains participants for entry-level jobs supporting eye care professionals in ophthalmology clinics, hospitals, and private practices.
- Students learn to perform basic eye examinations, operate specialized ophthalmic equipment, and assist with diagnostic procedures.
- The program prepares participants to take the Certified Ophthalmic Assistant (COA) exam, positioning graduates for successful careers in eye healthcare.



### Career Opportunities

Job titles include Ophthalmic Technician/Assistant, Ophthalmic Scribe, Optometric Assistant/Technician, and Administrative/Patient Coordinator.



### Courses

#### Fall:

**HLTH 616 - Ophthalmic Assistant I**  
Course Hours: 104-117

#### Spring:

**HLTH 617 - Ophthalmic Assistant II**  
Course Hours: 104-117

**Courses must be taken in sequence.**



### Steps to Enroll:



1. Apply to SDCCD
2. Enroll for Fall 2026

<https://sdcce.edu/academics/health-career-training/index.html>



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