

# Spectacle Lens Dispensary Apprenticeship



Looking for not just a job, but a career? Take a closer look at becoming a

# Dispensing Optician

If you are a Californian resident with a disability looking to get into the workforce, now is the time to start a rewarding career as an apprentice Spectacle Lens Dispenser!

The Ready, Willing and Able initiative is currently recruiting for high-quality positions as apprentice spectacle and contact lens dispensers throughout Orange County.

Spectacle Lens Dispensers are the backbone of the optical industry, performing a wide range of tasks including filling prescriptions, fitting frames and contact lenses, scheduling examinations, managing clinics and securing inventory.

Through combining paid employment with on-the-job training and formal technical instruction, as an apprentice Spectacle Lens Dispenser, you will:

- Earn while you learn – receive a competitive wage from day one
- Develop practical skills and build workplace experience
- Study a nationally recognized qualification and receive college credit for potential further study

Apprentice spectacle and contact lens dispenser positions typically have a six-to-twelve month duration, and will consist of:

- Up-front, comprehensive practical lab-based orientation
- Paid on-the-job training in an Optometry and/or Ophthalmology Clinic
- Technical instruction at a local training college
- Self-paced online training modules: develop your skills at a time and place of your choosing
- On-the-job training and workplace mentoring
- Access to company benefits

Did you know that upon qualification Spectacle Lens Dispensers enjoy an average starting salary of \$46,000?\*

\* Source: Salary.com <https://www.salary.com/research/salary/alternate/dispensing-optician-salary>

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply now please email [recruitment@readywillingable.us](mailto:recruitment@readywillingable.us)  
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# Dispensing Optician

## What You Need to Know

Dispensing Opticians design, measure, fit, and adapt lenses and frames for client according to written optical prescription or specification.

Dispensing Opticians assist clients with selecting frames, measuring customers for eyeglasses and coordinating frames with facial and eye measurements and optical prescriptions. They prepare work orders for optical laboratories containing instructions for grinding and mounting lenses in frames. Dispensing Opticians verify finished spectacles and adjust frame and lens position to fit clients.

### On the job, you will:

- Measure clients' bridge and eye size, temple length, vertex distance, pupillary distance, and optical centers of eyes, using measuring devices.
- Verify that finished lenses are ground to specifications.
- Evaluate prescriptions in conjunction with clients' vocational and avocational visual requirements.

## What Do You Need To Succeed In This Role?

### Key Attributes

#### This job will suit individuals who possess:

- Attention to Detail
- Cooperation
- Self Control
- Integrity
- Dependability
- Analytical Thinking

### Abilities

#### Verbal

- communicate by speaking
- listen and understand what people say

#### Ideas and Logic

- notice when problems happen
- use rules to solve problems

#### Hand and Finger Use

- put together small parts with your fingers
- keep your arm or hand steady

#### Attention

- do two or more things at the same time

### Skills

#### Basic Skills

- listening to others, not interrupting, and asking good questions
- thinking about the pros and cons of different ways to solve a problem

#### Social

- looking for ways to help people
- understanding people's reactions

#### Problem Solving

- noticing a problem and figuring out the best way to solve it

Source: <https://www.mynextmove.org/profile/summary/29-2081.00>



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