

# AM I ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE NAIT OPTICAL SCIENCES EYEGASSES PROGRAM?

This guide is for Domestic students only (individuals living in Canada)



# Admission Requirements

## Academic Admission Requirements

- Canadian High School Graduate or Assessed Equivalent
- English Language Proficiency (for English Program)

## Non-Academic Admission Requirements

- Working in an optical dispensary with a qualified supervisor
- Student Optician/Apprentice Registration (this may not be required in your province)



Let us help direct you to determine if you meet the admission requirements of the program or what you need to do to meet the requirements...

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# STEP 1

## ARE YOU A CANADIAN CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT OF CANADA?

**YES** → Go to **STEP 2**

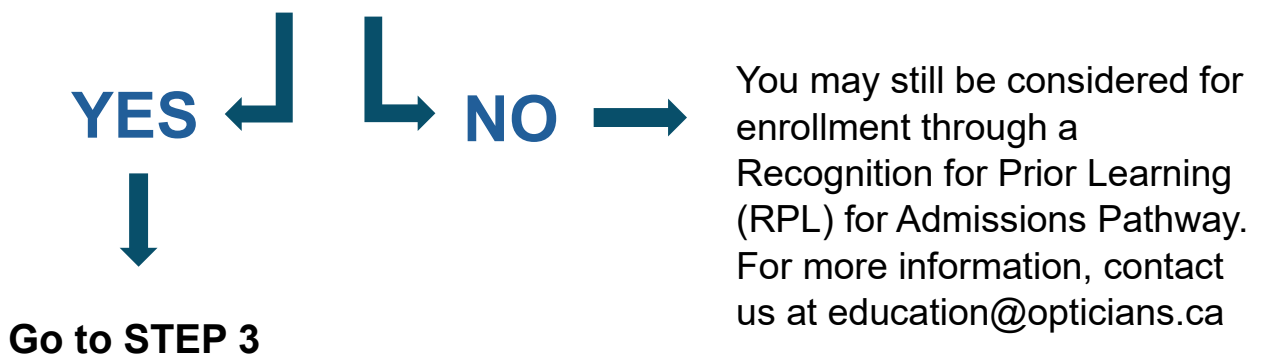
**NO** → This is a requirement for admission into the Eyeglasses Program. If you do not meet this requirement, you cannot apply for enrollment.

## DID YOU GRADUATE FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN CANADA?

# STEP 2

**YES** → Go to **STEP 3**

**NO** → Were you enrolled in post-secondary education in Canada?  
Or completed education outside of Canada and had a course-by-course academic assessment from IQAS, WES or ECE indicating your education is equivalent to a Canadian High School Diploma?



# STEP 3

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN APPLYING  
FOR THE PROGRAM IN ENGLISH?

**YES**



**Go to STEP 4**

**NO**



**CLICK TO GO TO OUR FRENCH  
ENROLLMENT GUIDE**



HAVE YOU SUCCESSFULLY  
COMPLETED FULL-TIME,  
CONSECUTIVE STUDIES IN THE  
LANGUAGE OF ENGLISH IN EITHER...

STEP 4

YES



Go to **STEP 5**

NO



You are required to take an ELP test. ELP test results are only valid for 2 years from the test date. Once complete, move to STEP 5.

- Three (3) full-time, consecutive years of High School (or combination of High School and Post-secondary) in Canada or in a Country on NAITs ELP Exempt Country List, including Grade 12 English
- OR**
- Two (2) full-time, consecutive years of Post-secondary Education in Canada or in a Country on NAITs ELP Exempt Country List

[CLICK TO VIEW ELP EXEMPT  
COUNTRY LIST](#)

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ACCEPTED ELP TESTS](#)



## STEP 5

### ARE YOU WORKING FULL-TIME IN AN OPTICAL DISPENSARY? (MINIMUM OF APPROX. 38 HOURS PER WEEK)

**YES** → **Go to STEP 6**

**NO** →

This is a requirement for admission into the Eyeglasses Program. Students are required to complete 500 supervised clinical hours per semester in the Eyeglasses Program.

If you do not meet this requirement, you cannot apply for enrollment.

DO YOU WORK WITH AN OPTICIAN  
AND/OR OPTOMETRIST WHO IS  
WILLING TO ACT IN THE ROLE OF  
PRECEPTOR (MENTOR) FOR THE  
CLINICAL COMPONENT OF THE  
PROGRAM?

## STEP 6

[CLICK TO LEARN ABOUT  
THE ROLE OF A  
PRECEPTOR](#)

**YES** → **Go to STEP 7**

**NO** →

This is a requirement for admission into the Eyeglasses Program. Students are required to complete 500 clinical hours per semester under direct supervision of a Licensed Optician and/or Optometrist at their place of work. This individual will be termed 'preceptor'.

If you do not meet this requirement, you cannot apply for enrollment.

# STEP 7

## DOES YOUR PRECEPTOR MEET THE NECESSARY CRITERIA TO ACT IN THIS ROLE?

In addition to the NAIT requirements, some provinces across Canada have additional specific requirements for student preceptors/supervisors, as outlined by the Provincial Regulatory College of Opticians in the province.

[CLICK TO VIEW THE PRECEPTOR REQUIREMENTS PER PROVINCE](#)

**YES** → Go to **STEP 8**

**NO** → This is a requirement for admission into the Eyeglasses Program. You must have an eligible preceptor in place to apply for enrollment. To be approved as an eligible preceptor, the criteria for your province must be met.

If you do not meet this requirement, you cannot apply for enrollment.



## STEP 8

### DO YOU WORK IN A PROVINCE THAT REQUIRES YOU TO REGISTER AS A STUDENT/APPRENTICE WITH THEIR PROVINCIAL REGULATORY COLLEGE OF OPTICIANS?

Some provinces require that an individual enrolling in an Optical Training program must be registered as a Student Optician or Apprentice with their Provincial Regulatory College of Opticians.

[CLICK TO LEARN IF THIS IS A REQUIREMENT IN YOUR PROVINCE](#)

**YES**



Further information can be found in the course information and application process documents you will read prior to applying for enrollment. You can now **go to STEP 9**.

**NO**



**Go to STEP 9**



STEP 9

CONGRATULATIONS!

You meet the admission requirements  
of the NAIT Optical Sciences  
Eyeglasses Program.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY NOW!](#)



**Study the  
art of optical  
sciences**

