

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

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...

STEP 1

DID YOU GRADUATE FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN CANADA?

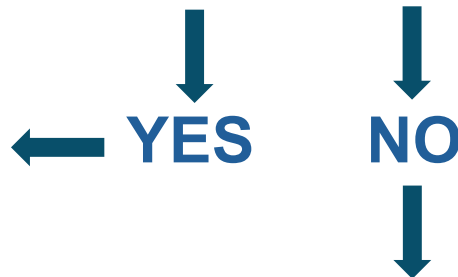
YES → Go to **STEP 2**

NO → Did you complete 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?

↳ **YES** → Go to **STEP 2**

↳ **NO** → Do you have educational documents that can be sent for academic assessment?

Proceed with an academic assessment.
Once complete go to **STEP 2**.



**CLICK TO LEARN ABOUT
ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS**

Contact education@opticians.ca



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN APPLYING
FOR THE PROGRAM IN ENGLISH?

STEP 2

YES → Go to **STEP 3**

NO → [CLICK TO GO TO OUR FRENCH
ENROLLMENT GUIDE](#)

STEP 3

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

YES



Go to **STEP 4**

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 4.

[CLICK TO LEARN ABOUT
ACCEPTED ELP TESTS](#)

- Three (3) 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
- 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](#)

ARE YOU A CANADIAN CITIZEN
OR PERMANENT RESIDENT
OF CANADA?

STEP 4

YES → **Go to STEP 5**

NO → Please contact education@opticians.ca

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.

STEP 6

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

[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!](#)



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