



For immediate release: **May 31, 2022**

**Triton College Offers Ophthalmic Technician Program**  
*Ophthalmic Technology is a Growing, In-Demand Field*

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Triton College in River Grove offers ophthalmic technology, a growing, in-demand field, on its campus. An information session will be held on Monday, June 6, 3 p.m., in the H Building (Room H-129). The program is offered to those interested in this career path.

Lisa Maas, the Ophthalmic Technician Program chair, explained that Triton College is the only accredited program for the technical level with an associate degree in Illinois.

She explained that an ophthalmic technician is a health career professional that works alongside an ophthalmologist (an eye doctor/surgeon), who specializes in eye disease and pathology.

“The ophthalmic technician gathers patient information and history, and performs the initial eye exam and any required diagnostic tests that will assist the physician with a diagnosis and treatment plan,” she said. “Technicians provide explanation to the patients regarding their diagnosis and recommended treatment, and can assist in surgery.”

Maas said there are no prerequisite courses for the 60-credit-hour program. The program can be completed in five semesters, which is just under two years. She explained that since this is an Associate in Applied Science degree program, there are general education and allied health courses that must be taken in addition to the ophthalmic courses.

“These courses include optics, ocular anatomy, ophthalmic procedures, ocular disease and three clinical practicum courses,” she said. “The entire program curriculum can be found on the Triton College website.”

Maas said there are many benefits to being an ophthalmic technician. Students will work in a “clean” medicine field where they can assist patients with eye disease and pathology in hospitals, universities or private practice. They will have normal hours that provide a consistent schedule, with no on-call hours.

Since this field is not as well known, it is not as competitive as other health career programs.

“This is a great option for anyone who is outgoing, empathetic and has great communications skills,” Maas said. “There is a huge demand for ophthalmic technicians nationwide and there are no mandatory certification board exams required to enter the workforce, like those found in many other health careers.”

Please visit [triton.edu/ophthalmic](http://triton.edu/ophthalmic).

For more information, please contact [lisamaas@triton.edu](mailto:lisamaas@triton.edu) or (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3934.

###

### **Media Contact**

Maryann Pisano

Staff Writer

[maryannpisano@triton.edu](mailto:maryannpisano@triton.edu)

(708) 456-0300, Ext. 3062

### **ABOUT TRITON COLLEGE**

Triton College is a two-year college dedicated to helping members of the 25 Western Cook County communities in our district and beyond to achieve educational, professional and personal success. Located in River Grove, IL, Triton offers more than 110 degree and certificate programs on its 110-acre campus, featuring a comfortable, friendly and diverse atmosphere. Triton holds classes at several satellite locations as well and offers online learning opportunities. Triton’s dedicated faculty and staff work to provide high quality, convenient and

affordable educational opportunities to more than 12,000 students each year. Triton College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Learn more at [www.triton.edu](http://www.triton.edu).