

Optician Diploma

Acquire the knowledge and skills required for practice within the field of opticianry, including eyeglasses, contact lenses, low vision devices, automated refraction, and develop professional skills in business management, communication, and customer service. The VCC Optician Diploma program has earned *accreditation with conditions* status with Accreditation Canada/Equal. Accreditation is a rigorous external process designed to provide program quality assurance according to a predetermined set of national standards. Our accreditation is in alignment with VCC's ongoing commitment to providing each student with the quality programming and skills training they expect from our institution. Graduates from the VCC Optician Diploma program are eligible to write the NACOR exams.

Program Details

Intakes	Winter, Fall
Start Dates	January, September
Program Length	2 years (16 months of accelerated study)
Campus Location	Offsite (10060 King George Blvd. Surrey, B.C.)
Tuition Estimate for 2 years (16 months of accelerated study)¹	\$41,184 (estimated based on 2023-24 rates, effective until August 2024)
Tuition Deposit¹	\$13,100 (\$10,000 of the tuition deposit is non-refundable)
<u>PGWP</u> Eligibility²	3 years
Admission Requirements <i>(Check English requirement equivalencies)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English 12 or Communications 12 with a C- grade, or IELTS Academic overall 6.0 (with no band less than 6.0) • Grade 12 graduation, or equivalent • Math 11 with a C- grade, or equivalent • For other requirements upon acceptance, check the program page for details.
Program Page	https://www.vcc.ca/international/programs/program-areas/health-sciences/optician-diploma/ .

When to Apply

For the start dates of this program (January, September), refer to **Winter, Fall**.

Intakes	Applications Open	Application Close Dates
Winter 2025 (January, February, March, and April start dates)	February 1, 2024	Many high demand programs fill quickly and may be closed shortly after the application period is open.
Spring/Summer 2024 (May, June, July, and August start dates)	June 1, 2023	
Fall 2024 (September, October, November, and December start dates)	October 1, 2023	Check application availability for updates.

Disclaimers

¹Tuition and other fees are approximate and subject to change due to yearly increases without notice. Students will be required to pay increased rates if the fees change at any time during the period of enrolment in the program. Tuition and other fees are payable on a continuous basis based on the courses in each program and when those courses are scheduled. This is an international cohort program, and international fees apply throughout the entire duration of the program.

²Enrolment in a program does not guarantee approval for the PGWP (Post-Graduation Work Permit) as there are eligible requirements. Check the [IRCC website](#) for more information. All program information including tuition and other fees, course/program content, length, admission requirements, prerequisites, start/end dates, postponements, and/or cancellation is subject to change without notice.

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Study at VCC

- Gain job readiness skills
- Learn practical education and hands-on training
- Study in small classes
- Receive outstanding student support and services
- Benefit from strong industry relations
- Connect to the large alumni network



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Work in Vancouver

- Work part-time off campus (up to 20 hours per week) during studies, and full-time during scheduled breaks
- Work in Canada after graduation for up to 3 years*

Student Life

- Receive monthly student newsletters for updates about events, fun activities, and more
- Be part of the VCC International Peer Mentor Community to support one another
- Participate in informative, interactive, and fun events
- Attend useful workshops to learn about working and living in Canada
- Meet virtually or in-person with VCC International Student Services Team for support throughout your studies at VCC

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Review program offerings, check admission requirements and tuition fees, find out how to apply, learn about studying and working in Canada, watch videos of VCC facilities and classes, see how alumni share their experiences, and more!

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