BTS DIPLOMA IN OPHTHALMIC DISPENSING

THE AIMS OF THE TRAINING COURSE

This two-year course of higher education is designed for entrants to the field of ophthalmic dispensing who wish to develop skills and obtain qualification in the following fields:

- communication: ability to deal with a variety of patients and other members of the profession, such as ophthalmologists and orthoptists;
- health: prescription analysis, sight test, decision on the best corrective treatment, information and advice to patients on their eye problems and visual requirements;
- technology on lenses and frames: the student will be able to fit and supply the most appropriate spectacles with a good knowledge on their design;
- management and business: team leading and capacity to assume managerial responsibilities will be taught.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This diploma attracts prioritarily scientific high school leaving certificate holders, who possess excellent groundings in mathematics and physics.

The Dispensing Optician's job requires high precision; candidates to the BTS course should be patient, with a good power of observation, an ability to analyze and make deductions and manual dexterity.

CAREER PROSPECTS

The BTS Opticien Lunetier graduate will work as a dispensing optician in an independent or franchised optical shop. It is possible to be self-employed.

The BTS holder may take a specialist qualification in Business or Visual Optics and prepare a Bachelor degree at University (Licence Management des Unités Commerciales - sales and management- or Licence Professionnelle d'Optique -low vision; contact lenses-).

THE TRAINING

Lasting two years, the training includes 6 weeks of professional work placement at the end of the first year. This practice placement will aim to develop the autonomy and sense of responsibility of the future graduate.

A final written report of the work placement will be presented by the student and assessed during the final examination.

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