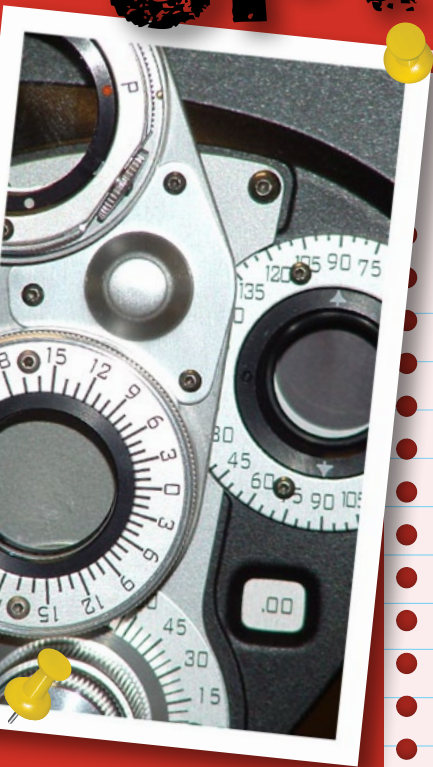


Optometrist



What does an optometrist do?

- Optometrists examine people's eyes to diagnose vision problems and eye diseases.
- They test patient's visual acuity, depth and color perception, and ability to focus and coordinate the eyes and analyze test results and develop a treatment plan.
- Optometrists prescribe eyeglasses and contact lenses and provide vision therapy and low-vision rehabilitation.
- Optometrists diagnose conditions due to systemic diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure, referring patients to other health practitioners as needed.

What kind of education would I need?

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Bachelors degree
- Doctor of Optometry degree from a 4 year accredited optometry school and 3 years of preoptometric study at an accredited college or university
- Pass both a written and a clinical State board examination

Where would I work?

- Private practice
- Clinics
- Department stores
- Hospital
- Health and personal care stores
- Federal government

Job Outlook?

Employment for Optometrists is expected to grow faster than average in response to the vision care needs of a growing and aging population.

Site:

<https://apps.sd.gov/ld01dol/Template/Main.aspx?TemplateID=24&OrphanPage=https://apps.sd.gov/LD55CareerInsite/CustomContent/welcome.aspx>

Salary?

Optometrists earn an average of \$112,400 per year!

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