Qualified applicants must have successfully attended Health Programs Orientation. Applicants will be ranked and selected through the following point system:

PREVIOUS EDUCATION:
Associate Degree (2 points)
Bachelors Degree or higher (4 points)

An official transcript is required.

WORK EXPERIENCE:
Six months optical related experience within the past two years*. Experience in a surfacing lab, finishing lab, as a dispenser, contact lens fitting, prosthetics, doctor assisting or any combination of the six. (2 points)

– CSN form completed by employer indicating work responsibilities and length of employment must be supplied. The Ophthalmic Experience Documentation Form is available online at: http://sites.csn.edu/health/ophthalmic/ophthalmic-dispensing(aas).html

COMMUNITY SERVICE:
Completed volunteer community service (excluding course curriculum requirements) within the past 12 months*. An additional point will be given if the community service relates to Ophthalmics. Ophthalmic related community service through the Lion’s Club International, Blind Center of Nevada Inc., Blindconnect, Sight to the Blind, Inc. or M.E.D.I.C.O. will be considered valid.
25-49 hours (1 point)
50-99 hours (2 points)
100+ hours (3 points)

– CSN form completed by the volunteer organization indicating type of volunteer work and number of hours must be supplied. The Ophthalmic Community Service Documentation form is available online at: http://sites.csn.edu/health/ophthalmic/ophthalmic-dispensing(aas).html

COLLEGE LEVEL PHYSICS AND/OR PRIOR OPTICAL COURSES
Any college level physics class completed with a minimum final grade of “C” or higher (2 points)
Completion of any prior optical courses (2 points per course)
Certificate of Completion in Ophthalmic Dispensing (12 points)

CERTIFICATION
NOCE Certificate (3 points)
NCLRE Certificate (3 points)
OA Certificate (3 points)
OT Certificate (3 points)

NEVADA APPRENTICE OPTICIAN LICENSE (7 points)

CUMULATIVE GPA (Courses completed and are on CSN transcript)
2.0 - 2.5 (1 point)
2.6 - 3.0 (2 points)
3.1 - 3.5 (3 points)
3.6 - 4.0 (4 points)

*The completion deadline date for application materials is used as the reference point for time frames. These guidelines are subject to change without notification. Please contact CSN Ophthalmic Dispensing Program for information.