

Contact Lens Certificate Course Information Sheet

Eligibility to join the course

You are just beginning a process incorporating the learning of both the theory and practical elements of your new role. We expect this to take approximately 18 - 24 months.

Students who are in their final dispensing year and wish to commence the course in September are asked to apply now rather than at the last minute. Your application will be given provisional status until you have received your examination results.

Other applicants should hold the ABDO Fellowship Diploma and be GOC registered

For non ABDO qualified applicants, please contact ABDO Examinations department for further guidance.

Practical experience

Students undertaking the Contact Lens Certificate Course must receive a minimum of one day contact lens fitting experience per week for the full duration of the course. This experience must be under the supervision of a suitably qualified and registered contact lens Optician/Optomtrist.

ABDO membership subscription

You must retain full membership with ABDO for the full duration of the course.

GOC student registration

All UK and Republic of Ireland students must hold full registration with the General Optical Council. Forms are available from www.optical.org.uk.

Registration of Practice with ABDO

You will be required to register both your Supervisor and practice with the ABDO Examinations and ABDO College at the start of the course. Supervisor guidelines will be sent to you with your course place acknowledgement letter and further information will be issued by both ABDO College and the ABDO in November.

Submission of assignments

This is an advanced course involving an element of research and students must expect to commit approximately 10-12 hours per week to their studies.

Students who fail to submit 100% of their coursework on time may not be permitted to sit the examinations.

All students should be aware that if their work is submitted late, reduced or no marks will be allocated. Students unable to achieve course schedules will be withdrawn with no refund.