



Job Description – Optometrist

Position:	Optometrist
Classification:	Part-Time/Exempt (about 8 hours per week)
Salary Range:	\$60/hour
Reports to:	Director of Social Services
Supervises:	N/A
Date:	November 1, 2022
How to Apply:	Send Resume and Cover Letter to Director of Social Services, Jerome Chambers at the following email address: jchambers@shepherdstable.org

Position Summary:

Since 1983 Shepherd's Table has provided hot, nutritious meals and comprehensive social services to people experiencing hunger and homelessness in the DC metropolitan region. For over a decade we have operated the region's only Eye Clinic for the Homeless at our headquarters in Downtown Silver Spring. We are seeking a new Optometrist to lead the Eye Clinic after the retirement of the Eye Clinic's founding Optometrist, Dr. Bernetta Davis. The Optometrist is a part-time, exempt position who performs eye exams and provides excellent eye care to Shepherd's Table clients in need of services. Optometrist responsibilities include analyzing vision tests, identifying sight problems, and prescribing eyeglasses. Ultimately, this doctor ensures the accurate diagnosis and treatment of eye diseases and injuries and refers more serious cases to other doctors as necessary. To be considered for this position, you need to be a licensed Optometrist in the State of Maryland and carry your own malpractice insurance.

Responsibilities

1. Perform comprehensive eye and vision tests
2. Diagnose defects of the eye, such as myopia, astigmatism, and glaucoma
3. Provide personalized temporary and permanent solutions to sight issues based on each patient's specific case and medical history
4. Prescribe medications and eyeglasses
5. Advise patients on proper eye care techniques

6. Provide prescribed eyewear
7. Keep updated and accurate medical records for all patients
8. Book next appointments in cases where re-examination is required
9. Train patients on how to use and maintain their eyeglasses
10. Refer eye doctors and ophthalmologists when patients need to undergo a surgery or in cases of severe eye injuries

Requirements

1. Work experience as an Optometrist
2. In-depth understanding of eye conditions and vision defects
3. Hands-on experience with eye examination tools, such as ophthalmoscope and tonometer
4. The ability to explain medical terms simply and calmly
5. Attention to detail

Education and Experience

- Medical degree in Optometry from an accredited university
- License to practice optometry in the State of Maryland
- At least 3 years of experience treating patients
- Experience working with a low-income population preferred
- Bilingual English/Spanish oral language skills a plus

Disclaimer

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by the person(s) assigned to this job. They are not to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required of personnel so classified. All personnel may be required to perform duties outside of normal responsibilities from time to time as needed

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Shepherd's Table requires that all employees be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 unless the employee is entitled to accommodation for reasons related to a medical condition, disability, or sincerely held religious belief. Qualified applicants must comply with this vaccine policy as a condition of employment.