



MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

Professional Licensure & State Authorization
Program Determination Disclosure

Program Title

CIP Number

Reviewer College

Date

In April 2022, the Mississippi community colleges agreed to collaborate, where applicable, to reduce duplication of effort and to ensure system-wide compliance with federal requirements and the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (NC-SARA).

Federal Requirements

U.S. Department of Education regulation, 34 CFR 668.43 (a) (5) requires an institution to disclose whether programs leading to professional licensure or certification, regardless of modality, meet each state's educational requirements. Specifically, the regulation requires the following:

- A list of all states for which the program's curriculum **meets** state educational requirements for professional licensure or certification,
- A list of all states for which the program's curriculum **does not meet** state educational requirements for professional licensure or certification, and
- A list of all states for which the institution **has not made a determination** of whether the curriculum meets educational requirements.

NC-SARA Requirements

The community colleges of Mississippi are members of the NC-SARA. NC-SARA is an agreement between member U.S. states, territories, and districts, which allows institutions to offer distance programs and on the ground courses within member state borders. Recent changes to the NC-SARA manual (Section 5.2) concerning professional licensure programs have changed to align with federal regulations. NC-SARA participating institutions must provide licensing board contact information to the students or applicants when unable to make a determination. The following forms will demonstrate the determinations for each state and territory. For the states and territories marked **Does Not Meet** or **Has Not Made a Determination**, additional information is available.

DISCLAIMER

The Mississippi Community College Board (MCCB) hosts general disclosure information on behalf of the community colleges. The program information was provided by the reviewer college, and the MCCB cannot guarantee the completeness and accuracy of the information. While a program may originally meet the educational requirements for licensure, changes in requirements could impact the program's ability to meet any new educational requirements. Students seeking employment should familiarize themselves with the specific licensure or certification requirements of a state before enrolling in a program, and contact the appropriate licensing agency in the state of future employment to determine requirements and ensure program compatibility.

Program Information

CIP Title: **Ophthalmic Technology****CIP Number:** **51.1801**

State	Status	Board Name	Board Website	Board Phone Number	Comments
Alabama	Does Not Meet		opticiantraining.org		In the state of Alabama, Opticians does not need a license.
Alaska	Meets		opticiantraining.org		In the state of Alaska, Opticians do need a license.
American Samoa	Undetermined				
Arizona	Meets	Arizona State Board of Dispensing Opticians	opticiantraining.org	602-542-8158	In the state of Arizona, Opticians do need a license.
Arkansas	Meets	Arkansas State Board of Dispensing Opticians	opticiantraining.org	870-572-2847	In the state of Arkansas, Opticians do need a license.
California	Meets	California State Board of Opticianry	opticiantraining.org	916-575-7186	In the state of California, Opticians do need a license.
Colorado	Does Not Meet		www.opticianedu.org/colorado		In the state of Colorado, Opticians do Not need a license.
Connecticut	Meets	Administrative Hearings Specialists/Board Liaison State of Connecticut Dept. of Public Health	Connecticut optician licensing requirements	860-245-4292	In the state of Connecticut, Opticians do need a license.
Delaware	Does Not Meet		www.opticianedu.org/delaware		In the state of Delaware, Opticians do Not need a license.
District of Columbia	Does Not Meet		www.opticianedu.org/districtofcolumbia		In District of Columbia, Opticians do Not need a license.
Florida	Does Not Meet		www.opticianedu.org/florida		In Florida, Opticians do Not need a license.
Georgia	Meets	Georgia Professional Licensing Boards Division	www.opticianedu.org/georgia	478-207-2440	In Georgia, Opticians do need a license.
Guam	Does Not Meet		www.guamlegislature.com		You do Not have to be licensed to be an Optician in Guam.
Hawaii	Meets	Hawaii Board of Dispensing Opticians	opticianedu.org/hawaii	800-468-4644	In Hawaii, Opticians do need a license.
Idaho	Does Not Meet		opticiantraining.org/optician-Idaho		In Idaho, Opticians do Not need a license.
Illinois	Does Not Meet		www.opticiantraining.org		In the state of Illinois, Opticians do not have to be licensed. For more information on training you can contact the Optician Association of Illinois.
Indiana	Does Not Meet		www.opticianedu.org		In the state of Indiana, Opticians do Not have to be licensed.
Iowa	Does Not Meet		opticiantraining.org		In the state of Iowa, Opticians do Not have to be licensed.
Kansas	Meets	Kansas Board of Examiners in Optometry	opticianedu.org	785-832-9986	In the state of Kansas, Opticians do have to be licensed.
Kentucky	Meets	Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers	opticiantraining.org	502-564-3296 ext. 228	In the state of Kentucky, Opticians do have to be licensed.

Louisiana	Meets	Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners	opticianedu.org	318-335-2989	In the state of Louisiana, Opticians do have to be licensed.
Maine	Does Not Meet		www.opticianedu.org		In the state of Maine, Opticians do not have to be licensed.
Mariana Islands	Undetermined				
Maryland	Does Not Meet		www.opticianedu.org		In the state of Maryland, Opticians do Not have to be licensed.
Massachusetts	Does Not Meet	Massachusetts Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians	www.opticianedu.org	617-701-8693	In the state of Massachusetts, Opticians do not have to be licensed but if they take te training program or undergo an apprenticeship, certification is require. A license can also be obtained but not required.
Michigan	Does Not Meet		www.opticianedu.org		In the state of Michigan, you do not have to be licensed to become an Optician.
Minnesota	Does Not Meet		www.opticianedu.org		In the state of Minnesota, you do not have to be licensed to become an Optician.
Mississippi	Does Not Meet		www.opticianedu.org		In the state of Mississippi, you do not have to be licensed to become an Optician.
Missouri	Does Not Meet		www.opticianedu.org		In state of Missouri, you do not have to be licensed to become an Optician.
Montana	Meets	Board of Optometry	www.opticianedu.org	406-444-6880	In the state of Montana, you do have to be licensed to become an Optician.
Nebraska	Meets	Nebraska Board of Optometry	www.opticianedu.org	704-332-9565	In the state of Nebraska, you do have to be licensed to become an Optician.
Nevada	Meets	Nevada Board of Dispensing Opticians	www.opticianedu.org	775-433-1700	In the state of Nevada, you do have to be licensed to become an Optician.
New Hampshire	Does Not Meet		www.opticianedu.org		In the state of New Hampshire, you do not have to be licensed to become an Optician.
New Jersey	Meets	New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Ophthalmic Dispensers and Ophthalmic Technicians	www.opticianedu.org	973-504-6440	In the state of New Jersey, you do have to licensed to become an Optician.
New Mexico	Does Not Meet		www.opticianedu.org		In the state of New Mexico, you do not have to be licensed to become an Optician.
New York	Meets	New York State Board of Ophthalmic Dispensing	www.opticianedu.org	518-474-3817	In the state of New York, you do have to be licensed to become an Optician.
North Carolina	Meets	North Carolina Board of Opticians	www.opticianedu.org	919-420-1390	In the state of North Carolina, you do have to be licensed to become an Optician.
North Dakota	Does Not Meet		www.opticianedu.org		In the state of North Dakota, you do not have to be licensed to become an Optician.
Ohio	Meets	Ohio Visions Professionals Board	www.opticianedu.org	614-466-9709	In the state of Ohio, you do have to be licensed to become an Optician.
Oklahoma	Meets	Oklahoma Board of Examiners in Optometry	www.opticianedu.org	405-521-6416	In the staten of Oklahoma, you do have to be licensed to become an Optician.
Oregon	Does Not Meet		www.opticianedu.org		In the state of Oregon, you do not have to be licensed to become an Optician.
Pennsylvania	Does Not Meet	State Board of Optometry	www.opticianedu.org	717-783-7155	In the staten of Pennsylvania, you do not have to be licensesd to become an Optician. They do require that you take a certification exam.
Pureto Rico	Meets	Office of Regulations and Licensing of Health Professionals	www.opticiancertification.org	787-725-7903	In the state of Puerto Rico, you do have to be licensed to become an Optician.

Rhode Island	Meets	Health Policy Analyst Division of Professional Regulation	opticiantraining.org	401-222-2828	In the state of Rhode Island, you do have to be licensed to become an Optician.
South Carolina	Meets	South Caroline Board of Examiners in Opticianry	www.opticianedu.org	803-896-4625	In the statenof South Carolina, you do have to be licensed to become an Optician.
South Dakota	Meets	South Dakota Board of Examiners in Optometry	www.opticianedu.org	605-279-2244	In the state of South Dakota, you do have to be certifies and in some cases you mustnbe licensed to become an Optician.
Tennessee	Meets	Tennessee Licensing Board for Dispensing Opticians	www.opticianedu.org	615-532-5090	In the state of Tennessee, you do have to take a national certification exam and then apply for a license, but you have to meet all requirements before applying.
Texas	Does Not Meet		www.opticiancertification.org		In the state of Texas, you do not have to be licensed to become an Optician.
U.S. Virgin Islands	Undetermined				
Utah	Does Not Meet	Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing	www.opticiancertification.org		In the state of Utah, you do not have to be licensed to become an Optician.
Vermont	Meets	Vermont Secretary of State Office of Professional Regulation	www.opticianedu.org	802-828-2372	In the state of Vermont, you do have to be licensed to become an Optician.
Virginia	Meets	Virginia Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Operations	www.opticianedu.org	804-367-8569	In the state of Virginia, youdo have to be licensed to become an Optician.
Washington	Meets	Washington State Department of Health	www.opticianedu.org	360-236-4700	In the state of Washington, you do have to be licensed to become an Optician.
West Virginia	Meets	West Virginia State Board Of Optometry	www.opticianedu.org	304-558-5901	In the state of West Virginia, you do have to be licensed to become an Optician.
Wisconsin	Meets	Wisconsin Optometry Board	www.opticianedu.org	608-266-2112	In the staten of Wisconsin, you do have to be licensed to become an Optician.
Wyoming	Does Not Meet		www.opticiancertification.org		In the state of Wyoming, you do not have to be licensed to become an Optician.

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Child Care Provider/Assistant
Nail Technology
Polysomnography
Cosmetology Instructor Training
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General
Barber/Stylist
Ophthalmic Technology
Real Estate
Veterinary Technology
Massage Therapy
Surgical Technology
Emergency Medical Sciences-EMT Basic/Paramedic
Associate Degree Nursing (RN)
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
Pharmacy Tech
Respiratory Care Technology
Medical Assistant – Certified
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Physical Therapist Assistant
Medical Laboratory Technology
Medical Radiologic Technology
Dental Assisting Technology
Dental Hygiene
Aviation Maintenance Technology
Funeral Service and Mortuary Science, General
Diagnostic Medical Sonography Technology
Unmanned Aerial Systems
Commercial Truck Driving
Health Care Assistant

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