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Optician

Opticians specialize in the construction of corrective lenses for vision. They make the lenses that the ophthalmologists and optometrists prescribe. Once the prescription lenses have been created, an optician tests the performance of the product on the patient. This is to ensure that the glasses have properly met the needs of the client. The optician preforms many tests relating to angles in the patient's field of vision and how the corrective lenses are affecting sight. Therefore, an optician does not just make the glasses that the ophthalmologist and the optometrist request, but scientifically check the lenses. Constructing lenses, checking their success, reconstructing the lenses (if necessary), adjusting the fit of the lenses on the patient, and dispensing the product is the daily routine of an optician. The education required for this occupation is that one must be registered with The General Optical Council and pass a test from this particular organization. Also, sit exams set by The Association of British Dispensing Opticians must be passed. In school, one must obtain a degree in Dispensing Optics, Optical Management, etc. One must obtain an associate’s or bachelor’s degree in a relative field and have one year of paid training employment. The typical yearly salary of an optician is $45,000. This can change due to amount of education, experience, and whether or not an optician owns their own practice.

I would enjoy this job because an optician has the opportunity to meet new people every day. The job requires people who have great social skills. Although, I feel like the job would become redundant and grow annoying if continued for a long amount of time. This is not a career that I would enjoy doing for the rest of my life. I definitely want to travel a lot in my life, and this particular occupation does not allow that opportunity as much as others.

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