

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES
CLASS SPECIFICATION

OPTOMETRIST

POSITION CODE: 30300

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DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

Under direction, performs professional optometric work in conducting nonmedical eye examinations of inmates in a state penal institution or of persons referred to a state infirmary; refracts eyes and prescribes lenses or prisms to effect maximum vision.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:

1. Examines inmates' or patients' eyes for visual defects; refers medical cases to ophthalmologist; maintains record of all examinees and work performed.
2. Refracts eyes to determine coordination and other visual error; determines strength of lenses, cylinders and prisms required for maximum visual acuity and comfort.
3. Prescribes, fits and adjusts lenses or prisms; determines size and style of frame best suited to the individual; verifies accuracy of optician's finished work with prescription.
4. Recommends visual exercises.
5. Adjusts and repairs broken lenses and frames.
6. Performs other duties as required or assigned which are reasonably within the scope of the duties enumerated above.

DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS:

Education and Experience

Requires knowledge, skill and mental development equivalent to two years preoptometry study, plus three years of optometry in an approved school resulting in a degree of Doctor of Optometry.

Requires license to practice Optometry in Illinois.

Knowledges, Skills and Abilities

Requires extensive knowledge of the theory and practice of measuring and correcting visual defects.

Requires extensive knowledge of the interrelationships between the eyes and anatomy.

Requires working knowledge of the retinoscope, ophthalmometer, ophthalmoscope, snellen chart, projecto chart, lensometer, phoropter, salt pan, cross cylinder and green test cabinet.

Requires ability to examine eyes for visual defects.

Requires ability to prescribe, fit, adjust and repair glasses for the correction of eye defects.

Requires ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with clinical staff, inmates and the general public.