

# Study Guide

*Spectacle Course: Module I*

## Lesson 1: History

- 1286: Approximate date of invention of spectacles in Italy
- 1783: John McAllister Sr. opened first U.S. optical shop in Philadelphia

## Lesson 2: Optical Field and Professions

**Ophthalmologists:** Doctors of medicine

**Optometrists:** Doctors of optometry

**Assistant/Technician common duties:**

- Administer basic eye exam pre-testing - intraocular pressure measurement, color blindness screening, peripheral vision testing
- Prepare exam rooms - disinfection, calibrating and repositioning equipment
- Perform administrative duties - collecting and recording patient information, answering phones, scheduling appointments

**Receptionist common duties:**

- Greet patients
- Answer phones
- Schedule appointments
- File and maintain charts/records

**Scribe common duties:**

- Enter exam room findings into electronic health records (EHR)

**Optician common duties:**

- Interpret prescriptions to fit eyewear
- Work closely with the doctor and other staff to seek out advice when troubleshooting
- Have the technical knowledge to measure, analyze, and recommend accordingly
- Handle customer's eyewear every step of the way - fitting, adjusting, repairs, etc.