



MILITARY VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT



ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 26-003

Open Date:	29-Apr-2026	Close Date:	9-Jun-2026
Unit:	173d Medical Group		
Position Title:	Optometrist		
AFSCs:	46N3(X)		
Grade:	Lt Col		
Status:	Drill-Status Guardsman		
Cross-Train:	Yes		

Who May Apply:

Current on-board members of the Oregon Air National Guard
Members eligible to join the Oregon Air National Guard

How to Apply:

Include copy of resume, degree transcripts, and certifications (BLS, ACLS, PALS, etc.) and Letter of Recommendation from current supervisor. Prior enlisted: include fitness history and last 3 evaluations.

Email Packages to:

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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As an Optometrist in the Air National Guard, your role shifts from the daily patient treatment and ocular disease management typical of an Active Duty clinic to a primary focus on wing medical readiness. You will conduct mission-essential eye exams and create prescriptions, track soft contact lens compliance for FLY status members, oversee and validate eye exams performed by our medical technicians, and manage the base's eyeglasses ordering system. Furthermore, you serve a unique dual role: you may be activated to support not only the federal mission, but also the state mission in times of local need.

2. Duties and Responsibilities:

2.1. Examines eyes and vision. Examines, diagnoses, treats, and manages diseases and disorders of the visual system, the eye, and associated structures, as well as diagnosis of related systemic conditions utilizing refractive, pharmaceutical, and rehabilitative (low vision, contact lens, and binocular vision) procedures.

2.2. Prescribes treatment. Utilizes and prescribes pharmaceutical agents for the examination of the eye and adnexa as well as treatment and management of vision disorders, diseases, and conditions of the eye and adnexa. Utilizes and prescribes ophthalmic and other rehabilitative prosthetic devices (such as spectacles, contact lenses, and low vision devices) and trains in their use.

2.3. Orders studies. Orders diagnostic laboratory studies (such as preparation of specimens for cultures, sensitivity testing, smear and histological analysis, chemistry, hematology, coagulation, serology and immunology, nuclear medicine, and urinalysis); orders diagnostic imaging studies (such as ultrasound of the eye, head, neck, heart; ocular fluorescein and indocyanine green angiography; and radiology of the eye, orbit, head, neck, chest including X-ray, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, magnetic resonance angiography with and without contrast).

referral to appropriate health care providers of patients with medical, surgical, psychiatric, and rehabilitative conditions.

2.5. Performs clinical procedures. Provides refractive status determination; binocular vision status determination; ocular and adnexal health evaluation; external, anterior segment and fundus photography with interpretation; visual field measurement and interpretation, ocular electrodiagnostic measurement with interpretation; ocular diagnostic imaging.

3.1. Knowledge. Must maintain currency in the delivery of primary eye care services to include treatment and management of disease

and disorders of the visual system utilizing pharmacology and state-of-the-art ophthalmic technology.

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3.2. Education. For entry into this specialty, completion of a Doctor of Optometry degree from a four-year college of optometry accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE), and acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory.

3.3. Training.

3.3.1. For award of AFSC 42E3, completion of the Air Force Aerospace Optometry Course (Aerospace Optometry: L5OXO42E3 09AB)

is mandatory unless waiver by the Associated Corps Chief for Optometry.

3.3.2. Residency and/or PhD training is encouraged, not mandatory.

3.4. Experience. For award of AFSC 42E3, a minimum of 12 months of experience in optometry assignments is mandatory. Experience

must be in primary eye care services to include the examination, diagnosis, and treatment.

3.5. Other. The following are mandatory:

3.5.1. For entry into this specialty, eligibility for a current, valid, active and unrestricted state license to practice optometry utilizing therapeutic pharmacologic agents by achieving a passing score on all three parts of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) Exam is mandatory. Such licensure must be attained within 12 months of entering active duty.

3.5.2. For award and retention of AFSC 42E3, a current, valid and unrestricted state license to practice optometry utilizing therapeutic pharmacologic agents is mandatory.

3.5.3. Must obtain and maintain clinical privileges IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or AFI 44-119, Medical Quality Operations