

Administrative Response to Program Review
Ophthalmic Medical Technology
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The Ophthalmic Medical Technology Program Review was presented in the Spring of 2009 and began with background on the OMT program at PCC, including its involvement with a variety of local, state, and national organizations as well as its history of specialty accreditation. It is always good to be informed (or reminded) of how we came to be where we are and how involved our programs are in the community we serve. Also included was a tour of the OMT laboratory, which provided insight into what the program does and the resources it has for accomplishing its mission and goals.

Information on curriculum evaluation and redevelopment was quite helpful. Your improvement plan for surveying students and employers, followed by revision of course and degree requirements, undoubtedly contributes to the high degree of success our students have in becoming Certified Ophthalmic Technicians through the national certification exam offered by JCAHPO. Having COTs capable of meeting the needs of our “ever-growing aging population” is appreciated, professionally and personally.

Much appreciated was the discussion on mission, values, and goals. The lengthy list of issues to which the program is committed is impressive. Also appreciated was the discussion of curricula efforts to update and improve course and program content and outcomes. It is reassuring to know that the program’s degree outcomes will be reviewed and updated in the coming academic year, i.e., 2009-2010.

The final section of the Program Review, “Recommendation for Improvements” is well done. It is good to know what we do well and what needs to be improved. Knowing that we have appropriate facilities and equipment is reassuring. It is also reassuring to know that it’s recognized that a high degree of proficiency in clinical skills is not only

important but that this issue has received and will continue to receive increased attention.

Thank you for efforts to continuously improve the quality education and training the OMT program provides to the community. Please let us know what we can do in general to support the program and what we can do specifically to assist in the CoA-OMP accreditation visit this Fall.