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Post Graduate Opportunity in a Rewarding Career

The purpose of this document is to inform you of a unique opportunity for BA or BSc graduates to continue their education in Saskatoon, in a specialized allied health field.

Saskatoon City Hospital Eye Centre is home to one of the three accredited orthoptic education programs in Canada. An Orthoptist is an eye care professional who specializes in Orthoptics, the diagnosis and management of binocular vision disorders. In conjunction with an Ophthalmologist (eye physician and surgeon), an Orthoptist examines and aids in the diagnosis and treatment of visual system dysfunction involving vision, eye movement, eye alignment and binocularity.

Orthoptists are uniquely skilled in diagnostic techniques. Orthoptists serve patients of all ages, but because of the nature of many binocular disorders, a large number of patients are children. Adult care in the field of Orthoptics is uniquely challenging with many neurologic, traumatic and degenerative impairments resulting in adult-onset eye muscle disorders. The Orthoptist is the front line in the assessment and diagnosis of these disorders, and works with the Ophthalmologist in formulating and implementing treatment plans.

The Saskatoon Orthoptic Program aims to develop skilled, innovative and reflective orthoptists with a sound scientific approach to patient care, research and technology, and a commitment to professional development.

Our mission is to provide the best educational experience possible while providing quality patient centered care.

The Saskatoon Orthoptic Program requires applicants to hold a bachelor's degree, preferably, but not necessarily, including course work in natural and social sciences (biology, psychology, anatomy, physiology, chemistry, sociology, etc). The School accepts *inquiries* from interested, qualified applicants year round. **Applications are available from January 15 to March 1**, and interviews for short-listed applicants are conducted in April for commencement of studies in July of the same year. The course is 24 months long, and culminates in a three part national exam. Students who successfully complete these three components of the course are then certified by the Canadian Orthoptic Council, and are qualified to work as an orthoptist in both Canada and the United States.

The following websites can provide interested students with more information:

www.orthoptics.ca www.orthoptics.org www.tcos.ca

We would appreciate it if you would take the time to distribute information about our program to students in your college during the application period (January 15 to March 1).

You can contact the Saskatoon Orthoptic Program for more information by calling 306-655-8058.