UNION JOB DESCRIPTION

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JOB TITLE:	Orthoptist	**JOB DESCRIPTION NO.:**	60315
CLASSIFICATION:	Orthoptist P1	**GRID/PAY LEVEL:**	H-C-P1
COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT:	Health Science Professionals	**HSCIS NO.:**	57401
UNION:	HSA	**JOB/CLASS CODE:**	57401
PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT:	Pharmacy, Diagnostics & Surgical Services; Ophthalmology & General Clinics	**BENCHMARKS (If Applicable):**	
REPORTING TO:	Administrative Director of Ophthalmology or Designate		
FACILITY/SITE:	RJH		

JOB SUMMARY:

In accordance with the Vision, Purpose, and Values, and strategic direction of the Vancouver Island Health Authority, patient safety is a priority and a responsibility shared by everyone at VIHA; as such, the requirement to continuously improve quality and safety is inherent in all aspects of this position.

Reporting to the Administrative Director of Ophthalmology or designate, provides orthoptic assessments on referred patients, carries out therapy as indicated by the referring Ophthalmologist and assists with other specialized duties.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Makes a full assessment of the sensorimotor status of Orthoptic patients, using the examinations required to make a full report, including distance and near visual acuity testing, cover testing, prism and cover testing, assessment of fusion ability and stereopsis, evaluation of associated movements, assessment of diplopic fields and identification of associated weak or paretic ocular muscles with Hess Screen, etc., identification of abnormal retinal correspondence and related abnormal visual sensory anomalies.

2. Prepares Orthoptic reports including required follow-up reports, including a diagnosis and suggested course of treatment at the request of the referring Ophthalmologist.

3. Carries out and supervises orthoptic treatments such as occlusion therapy for amblyopia, prism therapy in its various orthoptic related aspects, exercises of convergence and fusional ability where indicated when Ophthalmologist deems these may be of benefit.

4. Performs visual field testing, and field of binocular single vision.

5. Measures the intra-ocular pressure by Applanation tonometry, Perkins hand held tonometer, Schiotz; and tono-pen.

6. Prepares patients for Fluorescein angiography and assists with the procedure.

7. Prepares patients for Laser Therapy.

8. Performs colour vision test, Ishihara, Farnsworth, D-15, Pseudo-isochromatic colour plates.

9. Performs potential acuity meter and visometry.

10. Performs A-Scan.

11. Performs fund ophthalmic photography.

12. Works with the neuro-ophthalmologist in the MS clinic.

13. Performs related work as required.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education, Training And Experience

Bachelor degree in sciences, social sciences is preferred, plus completion of a two-year training period in an accredited training centre. Certificate to practice from the Canadian Orthoptic Council.A minimum of one year recent related experience.

Skills And Abilities

- Ability to establish and maintain effective work relationships with others.
- Ability to work under pressure.
- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.
- Ability to organize work.
- Physical ability to perform the duties of the position.