Ophthalmologist, Optometrist, and optician

Ophthalmologist:

Education And training required:
• 4 years med school
• 2 years internship
• 2 years training in subspecialty
• Board exam
• bachelors degree
• doctor in medicine

Responsibilities:
• Assessing and examining patients
• managing outpatient clinics
• collaboration with other specialists
• carrying out surgical procedures
• educating patients and families
• Having conversations with the families of patients

Salary range:
• Low: $180,000
• Median: $258,000
• High: $330,000

Documentation of sources:


Scenario:
A patient is researching an eye doctor that her optometrist referred her to. She wants surgery to correct her nearsightedness, and discovers that the doctor she was referred to was an ophthalmologist.
Optometrist

**Education and training required:**
- 4 years at an optometry school
- bachelors degree
- OAT

**Daily activities:**
- examining eyes of patients
- checking for signs of health conditions
- using specialized equipment
- writing referrals to doctors
- issuing prescriptions for corrective lenses.

**Salary Range:**
- Low: $52,000
- Median: $98,000
- High: $185,000

**Sources:**

**Scenario:**
A little boy is having trouble reading the board in his classroom, and his teacher recommended he have his eyes checked. His parents brought him to an optometrist to have the necessary tests performed to diagnose his eye condition.
Optician:

Education and training required:
• Technical Instruction
• sales and office management
• clinical work
• OCCP

Daily activities:
• Receive customers prescriptions
• measure eyes
• aid in choosing eyeglass frames
• repair or replace glasses
• perform business tasks

Salary:
• Low:$21,000
• Median: $33,000
• High: $53,000

Sources:

Scenario:
After visiting an optometrist, a woman comes in with a lens prescription, and with her 4 year old daughter that needs her eyeglasses repaired. Their optician will be able to repair her daughters glasses, and design a pair of glasses or contact lenses for the mother.