

## Position Description

Employment Agreement:	District Health Boards/PSA Allied, Public Health & Technical Multi-Employer Collective Agreement
Position Title:	Ophthalmic Photographer
Service & Directorate:	Surgical Services & Radiology Directorate
Location:	Dunedin
Reports to:	Unit/Service Manager Eye Department (Operational), Allied Health Director, Surgical (Professional)
DHB Delegation Level:	N/A
Number of direct reports:	Nil
Date:	July 2021

### Our Vision

Better Health, Better Lives, Whānau Ora

We work in partnership with people and communities to achieve their optimum health and wellbeing  
We seek excellence through a culture of learning, enquiry, service and caring

### Our Shared Values and Behaviours

Kind <i>Manaakitanga</i>	Open <i>Pono</i>	Positive <i>Whaiwhakaaro</i>	Community <i>Whanaungatanga</i>
<b>Looking after our people:</b> We respect and support each other. Our hospitality and kindness foster better care.	<b>Being sincere:</b> We listen, hear and communicate openly and honestly. We treat people how they would like to be treated.	<b>Best action:</b> We are thoughtful, bring a positive attitude and are always looking to do things better.	<b>As family:</b> We are genuine, nurture and maintain relationships to promote and build on all the strengths in our community.

### Our statutory purpose

To improve, promote and protect the health of our population

- Promote the integration of health services across primary and secondary care services
- Seek the optimum arrangement for the most effective and efficient delivery of health services
- Promote effective care or support for those in need of personal health or disability support services
- Promote the inclusion and participation in society and the independence of people with disabilities
- Reduce health disparities by improving health outcomes for Māori and other population groups
- Foster community participation in health improvement and in planning for the provision of and changes to the provision of services
- Uphold the ethical and quality standards expected of use and to exhibit a sense of social and environmental responsibility

## PURPOSE OF ROLE

The primary responsibility of the Ophthalmic Photographer is to provide photographic and technical support, as well as associated administrative services, for the Ophthalmology department to a consistent and high standard in partnership with other Health Professionals for the purpose of assisting with diagnostic tests for patients of the Southern District Health Board.

The Ophthalmic Photographer will take responsibility for ensuring work is followed through to completion and to a high standard of practice with the patient's best interests taken into consideration.

The key components of this role involve tasks such as:

- Digital photography of the eye as prescribed including but not limited to:
  - Photography for Diabetic Eye Monitoring Service (including undertaking rural visits to provide care closer to the patients home)
  - Fundal Photography
  - Fluorescein Angiogram Photography
  - Macro Photography
- Technical tasks as required including but not limited to:
  - Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)
  - Fields Testing
  - Biometry
- Visual acuity and ICare intra ocular pressure measurements
- Preparation and maintenance of equipment
- Completing training as required
- Data entry, maintaining patient and clinic records and desk files accurately and in a timely manner
- General clerical duties and tasks as directed by the manager including but not limited to:
  - Greeting patients
  - Confirming patient details
  - Checking details of tests required
- Performing other duties relevant to the position as directed by the Manager.

## Competencies

The following competencies apply to this position. The employee will be assessed against these as part of their annual performance and development review.

### Organisational Competencies

<b>Customer Focus</b>	Is dedicated to meeting the expectations and requirements of internal and external customers; gets first hand customer information and uses it for improvements in products and services; acts with customers in mind; establishes and maintains effective relationships with customers and gains their trust and respect
<b>Integrity and Trust</b>	Is widely trusted; is seen as a direct, truthful individual; can present the unvarnished truth in an appropriate and helpful manner; keeps confidences; admits mistakes; doesn't misrepresent him/herself for personal gain.
<b>Drive For Results</b>	Can be counted on to exceed goals successfully; Is constantly and consistently one of the top performers; very bottom line oriented; steadfastly pushes self and others for results.

### Role Specific Competencies

<b>Listening</b>	Practices attentive and active listening; has the patience to hear people out; can accurately restate the opinions of others even when he/she disagrees.
<b>Managing and Measuring Work</b>	Clearly assigns responsibility for tasks and decisions; sets clear objectives and measures; monitors process, progress, and results; designs feedback loops into work
<b>Building Effective Teams</b>	Blends people into teams when needed; creates strong morale and spirit in his/her team; shares wins and successes; fosters open dialogue; lets people finish and be responsible for their work; defines success in terms of the whole team; creates a feeling of belonging in the team.

KEY RELATIONSHIPS	
Within Southern DHB	External to Southern DHB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unit/Service Manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Client/patients/ Family/ Whanau/Caregivers</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ophthalmologists</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural Hospital Outpatient Departments</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multi/Inter-disciplinary team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other community services (as appropriate)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allied Health Professional Leaders</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other Health Professionals</li> </ul>	

## PERSON SPECIFICATION

The expertise required for a person to be fully competent in the role. Position specific competencies:

	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<b>Education and Qualifications (or equivalent level of learning)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Level 4 certificate or higher in digital photography or an agreement to work towards this, or 2 years minimum experience within a commercial photography, or ophthalmic field.</li> </ul>
<b>Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experience in photography</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experience working in health/disability settings or with the general public</li> </ul>
<b>Knowledge and Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High level of interpersonal and communication skills</li> <li>Demonstrate computer literacy with a broad understanding of computer skills</li> <li>Full clean drivers licence</li> </ul>	
<b>Personal Qualities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to work in a supportive and honest manner</li> <li>Ability to work under direction of registered Health Professionals</li> <li>Accept responsibility for own actions</li> <li>Highly motivated, multi tasker.</li> <li>Works well within a culturally diverse environment and have excellent computer, administrative and time management skills.</li> </ul>	

## KEY RESULT AREAS:

Key Accountabilities:	Example of successful delivery of duties and responsibilities
<b>Delegated Clinical Responsibilities</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under direction of relevant Health professional(s), implements testing that takes into consideration client/patient preferences</li> <li>Accepts responsibility for own actions and decisions within area of work.</li> <li>Relays results and information appropriate to the needs of the client/patient.</li> <li>Facilitates client/patient responsibility to maintain and promote health.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrates respect, empathy/understanding and interest in client/patients.</li> <li>Provides practical support for other team members to facilitate patient/client goals.</li> </ul>

<b>Communication</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regularly reports information about the patient/client's intervention to relevant Health professional.</li> <li>Relays information to patients/clients in a way that protects their rights and to allow informed decisions.</li> <li>Uses a variety of communication strategies when required.</li> <li>Establishes rapport and trust with client/patient/family/whanau.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates Health professional/Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) on progress and effectiveness of interventions.</li> <li>Ability to use alternative modes of communication.</li> </ul>
<b>Teamwork</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in and contribute to the functioning of the team.</li> <li>Establish and maintain an effective working relationship with other staff.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate as a team member to ensure the best outcomes for patients/people.</li> </ul>
<b>Culturally Sensitive Practice</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practices in a culturally safe manner.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assists patients/clients to gain appropriate support and representation which reflects their cultural needs and preferences.</li> </ul>
<b>Legislative Requirements</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrates knowledge of policies and procedural guidelines that have implications for day to day work.</li> <li>As directed by Allied Health professional(s), practises in accordance with relevant legislation/codes/policies and upholds patients/clients' rights.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adheres to Southern District Health Board and legislative standards of practice.</li> <li>Maintains confidentiality of patient information.</li> </ul>
<b>Documentation</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adheres to the Southern DHB Health Record Documentation Standards (District). NB: clinical notes will be monitored/supported by appropriate Allied Health professional.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation is timely, clear, concise and accurate.</li> <li>Demonstrates literacy and computer skills essential for own practice and to support other team members.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Duties</b>	
<p>Undertaking duties from time to time that may be in addition to those outlined above but which fall within your capabilities and experience.</p> <p>Act as a role model for the Southern DHB Organisational Values.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You respond positively to requests for assistance in own and other areas, demonstrating adaptability and willingness.</li> <li>You produce work that complies with SDHB processes and reflects best practice.</li> <li>Research undertaken is robust and well considered.</li> <li>Live and support the DHB values in everything you do.</li> </ul>
<b>Professional Development – self</b>	
<p>Identifying areas for personal and professional development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training and development goals are identified/agreed with your manager.</li> <li>Performance objectives reviewed annually with your manager.</li> <li>You actively seek feedback and accept constructive criticism.</li> </ul>
<b>Health, Safety and Wellbeing</b>	
<p>Taking all practicable steps to ensure personal safety and the safety of others while at work, in accordance with the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You understand and consistently meet your obligations under Southern DHB's Health and Safety policy/procedures.</li> </ul>

Southern DHB's Health, Safety and Wellbeing policies, procedures and systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You actively encourage and challenge your peers to work in a safe manner.</li> <li>Effort is made to strive for best practice in Health and Safety at all times.</li> </ul>
<b>Treaty of Waitangi</b>	
Giving effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi – Partnership, Participation and Protection through your interaction with others on a day to day basis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Partnership</i> – You interact in good faith and in the nature of a partnership. There is a sense of shared enterprise and mutual benefit where each partner takes account of the needs and interests of the other.</li> <li><i>Participation</i> – You work in partnership with our treaty partners to enable our organisation to prosper. You are mindful of the varying socio-economic conditions that face our people and work hard to remove barriers of access to health and education.</li> <li><i>Protection</i> – You work proactively to protect the rights and interests of Māori, including the need to proactively build the capacity and capability of Māori.</li> </ul>

Note: the above example measures are provided as a guide only. The precise performance measures for this position will require further discussion between the job holder and manager.

**CHANGES TO POSITION DESCRIPTION**

From time to time it may be necessary to consider changes to the position description in response to the changing nature of our work environment – including technological requirements or statutory changes. This Position Description may be reviewed as part of the preparation for your annual performance and development review.

Acknowledged / Accepted:

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Employee

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Manager

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