What's the difference between eye care professionals?





Optician



 Fills vision prescriptions; makes glasses and may fit contacts



Optometrist

- Medical professional (doctorate degree in optometry)
- √ Performs annual eye exams
- Can fit glasses and contacts
- May refer patients to ophthalmologist for more intensive procedures



Ophthalmologist

- Medical doctor (Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine)
 - Performs annual eye exams
 - Can fit glasses and contacts
 - Can perform eye surgeries

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