Kim Johnson is a busy person.

She knows what it's like to juggle a job and a home and young children while trying to attend to life's needs.

"I think convenience is really important," said Johnson, who has been a licensed optometrist since she graduated from the University of Houston College of Optometry in 2004.

Convenience and state-of-the-art equipment is what Johnson hopes to offer her patients at Gothenburg Eyecare & Optical when it opens the end of February.

Located in the Gothenburg Discount Pharmacy building at 902 Ave. D with dentist James Graff, Johnson's optometry office will add to the one-stop feel.

She plans to offer a full scope of eye exams including routine checkups, diabetic monitoring, glaucoma testing, pre- and post-operative checks for cataract or Lasik surgeries and emergency consultations.

"My goal is to bring all necessary exams here so patients don't have to be referred out as much," she said.

The latest equipment, combined with electronic health records and eventually a website for ordering such things as contact lenses, puts Johnson on the cutting edge of technology, she said.

She will also have a full line of up-to-date frames available, including sunglasses.

“I want to have all the bases covered,” she said, “from frames for a farmer who needs rugged glasses to styles popular with young people.”

Johnson graduated from high school in Schuyler and earned her bachelor’s degree in biology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with minors in sociology, psychology and Spanish.

When she first moved to Gothenburg, she worked at Gothenburg Vision Clinic under Larry Garrett, as well as serving several area Wal-mart vision centers.

Since 2006, Johnson has been the primary optometrist at the North Platte Wal-mart vision center.

Johnson’s husband, Craig, is director of the sports and medical rehabilitation department at Gothenburg Memorial Hospital.

She has three children: Evan, who is 5, Callen, 3, and step-daughter Alexis, 17.

Johnson said she is looking forward to working in Gothenburg so she doesn’t have to feel like she splits time between where she lives and where she works.

“It will be nice to get to know people here and to feel like I’m a real part of the community,” she said. “I’m also looking forward to getting involved in things I’ve never really had time to do.”