



# FELLOWSHIP IN CONTACT LENSES

## **Program Mission Statement:**

The mission of the fellowship program in contact lenses is to impart the necessary training that would enable optometrists to gain a leadership position in contact lens assessment, fitting, and follow up care of the patient.

## **Program Description**

### **Objectives:**

This unique training program in contact lens practice is designed to:

- Train the fellows in high-quality contact lens fitting using best practices and advanced technologies in contact lens prescription and care
- Inculcate research skills that would help them conduct research studies in contact lenses that would have far-reaching impact on contact lens practice as well as contact lens wear
- Provide the know-how on all aspects of service delivery, that would extend the acceptance and reach of comprehensive contact lens services

## The program offers training in the following areas:

- Fitting of soft and RGP contact lenses for all types of refractive errors include presbyopia, aphakia, ectatic disorders, and post-surgical contact lens fitting
- Specialty contact lens fitting such as Rose K, KeraSoft, Piggyback lens, Hybrid lens, Prosthetic lens, and paediatric aphakic lenses
- Scleral lens fitting for ocular surface disorders, ectatic and irregular corneas
- Independent contact lens practice under the guidance of experienced professionals
- Active participation in conducting clinical studies and gaining experience in the field of cornea-contact lens research, and exploring opportunities to present the research on a national/international platform
- Teaching the subject of contact lenses to undergraduates/interns under the mentorship of an experienced contact lens faculty

## Program structure

Program Name	Fellowship in Contact Lens	Fellowship in Contact Lens
<b>Duration</b>	One year	Two years
<b>Number of positions available</b>	One seat	Two seats
<b>Eligibility criteria</b>	1. Bachelor of Clinical Optometry(B.Optom) with minimum one year clinical experience in dispensing soft and RGP contact lenses 2. Post Graduate Diploma in Optometry and Vision Science and Master of Optometry from a ASCO recognized college/university	Bachelor of Clinical Optometry (B.Optom)
<b>Admission exam</b>	Online written test	Online written test
<b>Selection</b>	Merit in the personal interview	Merit in the personal interview
<b>Fee structure</b>	National: INR 118,000/- ( including GST)	National: INR 236,000/- (inclining GST)
<b>Stipend</b>	INR 5000/-	INR 5000/-
<b>Requirement</b>	Trainee should bring along one's own Retinoscope, trial frame and two aprons (white coats)	
<b>Merit scholarships</b>	Merit scholarships are available for economically disadvantaged students	

## Program description

### Phase 1 (1month / 6months)

- Initial observation sessions in the comprehensive and specialty ophthalmology clinics to understand various ocular conditions that are indications for contact lens wear, and patient referral to the contact lens clinic
- Observation sessions in the contact lens clinic to understand standard operating procedures

### Phase 2 (3months / 6months)

- Exposure to Soft, RGP, Rose K2 and Specialty contact lens fitting in different conditions
- To submit a research study proposal for acceptance by the supervisor
- To initiate an extensive literature review on a topic of study

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### Phase 3 (4months / 6months)

- Independent practice with the guidance of a senior staff optometrist, gaining confidence in finalizing and decision making in soft and RGP contact lens parameters and dispensing
- Observation sessions in the Scleral lens clinic, learning about indications for Scleral fitting and basics of parameter selection, lens insertion and removal techniques
- Active involvement in the teaching and training program
- Data collection and statistical analysis of the selected research project

### Phase 4 (4months / 6months)

- Gaining experience in independently setting up a specialty contact lens practice in one of the centres of LVPEI
- Actively participating in the teaching and training program
- Completing the research project and submitting the written thesis of 20 pages
- Participating in national/international conferences

## Admission examination

<b>Program start date</b>	22 November 2021
<b>On-line applications</b>	Log on to <a href="http://www.lvpei.org">www.lvpei.org</a> and follow the steps of on-line application payment (open the Fellowship in Contact Lens Program in upcoming events). After payment, you will receive a on-line application form.
<b>Last date for application submission</b>	13 November 2021
<b>Online written test</b>	15 November 2021
<b>On-line interview</b>	Communicated to the candidates directly
<b>Reporting for training</b>	Contact Lens Clinic, L V Prasad Eye Institute Banjara Hills, Road No. 2, Hyderabad - 500034
<b>Accommodation fee</b>	On-campus accommodation is available at a nominal fee of INR 10620/- (including GST) vfor 6 months. For on campus accommodation, please bring personal bed linen including a mattress and pillow.
<b>Food fee</b>	If a trainee chooses to stay in the hostel, INR 24000/- for 6 months to be paid in advance along with tuition fee
<b>Reporting address for accommodation</b>	Brien Holden Institute of Optometry and Vision Sciences L V Prasad Eye Institute, GPR Campus, Kismathpur Don Bosco Nagar PO, Hyderabad. 500 086, India



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#### Bhubaneswar

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Odisha, India

#### Visakhapatnam

GMR Varalakshmi Campus  
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Visakhapatnam - 530 040  
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