

Certificate Program in Occupational Optometry

Occupational optometry services is the branch of optometry which set visual standards and understand the visual demands for each occupation through comprehensive ocular examination in order to provide corrections and modifications to ensure safety and high efficiency in work place



Objective:

- To understand the role of occupational optometrist in industries / unorganized sector workers
- To estimate the visual demand required for each task / occupation
- To elucidate the various methods to analyze the occupational demand / hazards
- To recommend the role of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in occupational safety
- To demonstrate proficiency in occupational dispensing

Course Details:

Eligibility: Bachelor of Optometry (BS / BSc in Optometry / any equivalent degree)

No of Seats: 12 per year

Duration: 3 months (Full time posted in Occupational Optometry Department at SN and in community outreach programs for unorganized sector)

Frequency: Four times a year (Jan, April, July, Oct)

Course highlights

- ❖ Study materials will be provided
- ❖ Interactive sessions with faculty
- ❖ In depth academic/clinical exposure
- ❖ Industrial visit and hands on training
- ❖ Off campus unorganized sector community out-reach programs

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Fellowship in Binocular Vision and Vision Therapy

Advance Your Skills in Specialized Vision Care



Course Overview:

This 6-month fellowship in Binocular Vision offers an immersive clinical experience in both basic and advanced binocular vision care, and vision therapy. Fellows will gain hands-on experience at the state-of-the-art Binocular Vision and Pediatric Clinic at Sankara Nethralaya, interacting with a diverse patient population. Graduates of the fellowship will be well-equipped to establish binocular vision clinics within private practices or hospital-based setups.

Program Objectives:

- Develop expertise in diagnosing and managing strabismic and non-strabismic binocular vision anomalies.
- Plan and implement effective vision therapy and optometric management, including prism prescriptions.
- Gain hands-on experience with advanced vision therapy equipment and techniques for amblyopia.

Program Details:

Eligibility: Undergraduate Degree in Optometry with a minimum of 2 years' experience in Optometric practice

Number of Seats: 6 per year

Duration: 6 months (Full-time with regular clinical rotations at BV and VT clinics of SN and its branch hospitals in Chennai)

Frequency: Twice a year (January and July)

Program Highlights:

Comprehensive Clinical Training: Immerse yourself in hands-on experience at our state-of-the-art Binocular Vision and Vision Therapy clinics, addressing both basic and advanced binocular vision anomalies.

Diverse Patient Exposure: Work with a varied patient population, including those with strabismic and non-strabismic disorders, and gain insights into developmental vision care.

Cutting-Edge Knowledge: Stay at the forefront of the field with in-depth training on assessment techniques, vision therapy methodologies, and the latest advancements in binocular vision care.

Hands-On Learning with Specialized Equipment: Gain proficiency in using vision therapy tools and techniques, including manual and computerized diplopia tests, ground-in and Fresnel prisms.

Expert Mentorship: Receive personalized guidance from experienced faculty members who will support your growth and help you navigate your clinical responsibilities.

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Fellowship in Clinical Optometry

Elevate Your Career in Optometry



Course Overview:

Embark on a transformative journey with our Fellowship in Clinical Optometry. This intensive program is crafted to enhance the skills of fresh Optometry graduates, equipping them with expertise in eye examination and specialist referral services.

Upon Completion, You Will Be Able To:

- Master both fundamental and advanced principles of Clinical Optometry
- Conduct in-depth comprehensive eye examinations
- Gain hands-on experience in a diverse, multicultural clinical environment
- Make informed patient referrals
- Perform eye tests in community settings

Course Details:

Eligibility: Undergraduate Degree in Optometry

Number of Seats: 12 per year

Duration: 6 months (Full-time, including rotational OPD clinical postings at SN and branch hospitals in Chennai)

Course Highlights:

- Comprehensive Clinical Training
- Continuing Medical Education (CME) Programs
- Community Outreach Camps
- Interactive Sessions with Senior Faculty
- Extensive Clinical and Academic Exposure

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Fellowship in Community Optometry

Empowering optometrists to see beyond the clinic and into the heart of the community



Course Overview:

A 6-month comprehensive fellowship designed to empower optometrists with hands-on training, public health knowledge, and outreach experience to serve diverse communities effectively. This program blends clinical expertise with community engagement and leadership development.

Program Details:

Eligibility: Undergraduate degree in Optometry (Consideration or interns based on eligibility)

Number of seats: 10 per year

Duration: 6 months (Training at Elite School of Optometry)

Frequency: Twice a year (January and July - 5 per batch)

Course Objective:

- Train to plan and implement effective community eye care projects
- Gain theoretical knowledge essential for community optometry
- Apply an evidence-based approach to community outreach initiatives
- Obtain hands-on exposure through real-world community engagement
- Conduct school, workplace, and community vision screenings across diverse populations

Program Highlights:

- Exposure to systems of health care
- Exposure to national and international collaborative community outreach programs
- Participation in comprehensive outreach activities
- Opportunities to imbibe and practice evidence based optometry in community
- Early exposure to creating evidence from outreach
- Part of social accountability initiatives of Elite School of Optometry

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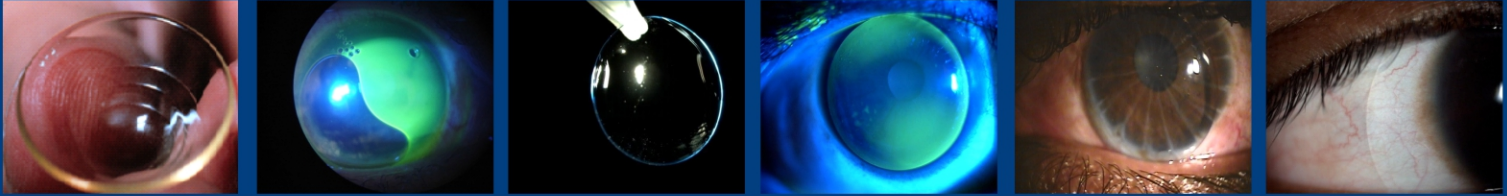


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Fellowship in Contact Lens

Master the Art and Science of Contact Lens Fitting



Course Overview:

The Fellowship in Contact Lens is a rigorous clinical program designed to provide hands-on experience in contact lens fitting at both basic and advanced levels. This program offers practical exposure and in-depth training in the specialized field of contact lenses.

Course Objectives:

- Explore the relationship between the cornea and contact lenses
- Conduct comprehensive contact lens evaluations
- Select the appropriate lens for each patient's needs
- Manage troubleshooting during contact lens fitting
- Enhance safe and standard practices in contact lens fitting with a focus on scientific principles
- Develop problem-solving skills to address emerging trends and challenges in contact lens practice
- Make informed referrals when necessary

Course Details:

Eligibility: Undergraduate Degree in Optometry with at least 1 year of experience in Optometric practice

Number of Seats: 6 per year

Duration: 6 months (Full-time with regular clinical postings in Contact Lens clinics at SN and its branch hospitals in Chennai)

Frequency: Twice a year (January and July)

Course Highlights:

Transformative Clinical Experience: Dive into hands-on training with a diverse patient population, mastering both basic and advanced contact lens fitting techniques that will elevate your practice.

Comprehensive Curriculum: Explore an extensive array of topics, from toric lenses and pediatric fitting to the latest technology and irregular cornea fitting—everything you need to excel in contact lens practice!

Expert Mentorship: Personalized guidance from seasoned faculty and an assigned advisor who will support your professional growth and help you navigate challenges throughout the fellowship.

Dynamic Learning Environment: Actively participate in weekly departmental meetings, grand rounds, and engaging case discussions that foster collaboration and continuous learning.

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Fellowship in Low Vision Care and Rehabilitation

Empower people with low vision/blindness using Enhanced Visual/lifestyle changing Solutions



Course Overview:

Low vision significantly affects quality of life, independence, and mobility, with broader impacts on families and society. Yet, specialized care remains scarce. This highlights the urgent need for trained professionals and the value of integrating low vision services into optometric practice.

This multidisciplinary Fellowship offers in-depth training in functional vision assessment, device prescription, and personalized rehabilitation. Fellows gain hands-on experience at Low Vision Clinics and the Vision Enhancement Center, preparing them to deliver comprehensive, patient-centered care.

Course Objectives:

- Gain a thorough understanding of the fundamentals of low vision care
- Assess and address the visual demands of people with low vision
- Examine patients and prescribe suitable low vision devices based on the need (not only distance and near, guiding the patient to lead an independent life, appropriate reference, etc.
- Provide counseling and support for the rehabilitation of patients with low vision and blindness

Course Details:

Eligibility: Undergraduate Degree in Optometry with at least 1 year of experience

Number of Seats: 6 per year

Duration: 6 months (Full-time with regular clinical postings in Low Vision clinics at SN and its branch Vision Enhancement Center in Chennai)

Frequency: Twice a year (January and July)

Course Highlights:

- Hands-on clinical training in Low Vision Clinics and exposure to rehabilitation services
- Opportunities to independently manage patient cases under supervision
- Interactive sessions with senior faculty and low vision specialists
- Participation in Continuing Medical Education (CME) programs
- Extensive Clinical and Academic Exposure, including opportunities to explore the latest devices and the multi-disciplinary rehabilitation care.

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Fellowship in Pediatric Optometry

Specialize in the Care of Young Eyes

Course Overview:

Pediatric Optometry requires a nuanced approach to diagnosing and managing vision issues in children. This 6-month fellowship offers intensive training in assessing and treating pediatric patients, with a focus on developing skills for effective communication and treatment strategies tailored to children.

Course Objectives:

Gain a comprehensive understanding of pediatric vision development and common ocular conditions in children

Assess and address visual demands specific to pediatric patients

Conduct thorough eye examinations and prescribe appropriate interventions for various pediatric conditions

Develop skills in counseling and educating families about pediatric vision care

Course Details:

Eligibility: Undergraduate Degree in Optometry with at least 1 year of experience in optometric practice

Number of Seats: 6 per year

Duration: 6 months (Full-time with regular clinical postings in Pediatric Optometry clinics at SN and its branch hospitals in Chennai)

Frequency: Twice a year (January and July)

Course Highlights:

- **In-Depth Clinical Training:** Gain hands-on experience in assessing and treating a wide range of pediatric vision issues, including strabismus, amblyopia, and binocular vision anomalies.
- **Comprehensive Curriculum:** Explore essential topics such as infant vision development, visual perceptual disorders, and special conditions like learning disabilities and acquired brain injuries.
- **Expert Faculty Mentorship:** Learn from experienced professionals who provide guidance and support throughout your fellowship, helping you navigate clinical challenges effectively.
- **Interactive Learning Environment:** Participate in engaging seminars and case discussions, fostering collaboration with faculty and peers while enhancing your understanding of pediatric optometry.
- **Hands-On Experience with Pediatric Equipment:** Get trained in the use of specialized tools and techniques for vision therapy and pediatric contact lens fitting.
- **Focus on Family Education:** Develop skills in counseling and educating families about pediatric vision care, ensuring holistic treatment approaches.

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