L V Prasad Eye Institute

Introduction to Community Eye Health

The aim of this nine week fully online course is to enhance eye health professionals' understanding of the major global initiatives regarding prevention and control of blindness including 'VISION 2020' and to equip them with the ability to transcribe these at the local level.

The major topics include (1) The concept of 'community'; (2) Definitions of blindness and visual impairment; (3) Global initiatives of VISION 2020: The Right to Sight; (4) Impact of blindness and visual impairment at the global and local levels; (4) Health systems and access to eye health; (5) Social determinant of eye health and; (6) Millennium Developmental Goals and eye health.

Learning outcomes
On successful completion of this course participants will be able to:

★ Describe common ophthalmology terminologies and their definitions, and distinguish between clinical and community eye health care

★ Develop strategies for community mobilization and understand their role in community development

★ Compare VISION 2020: The Right to Sight initiatives at different levels (international, national and local levels)

★ Understand the economic impact of blindness and visual impairment

★ Describe the link of Millennium Development Goals to blindness and visual impairment

★ Describe the social determinants of eye health and various health systems in improving access to eye care

Assessment methods
course participants are assessed on the basis of online quizzes, online discussions, written report, presentations and contribution to individual and peer group activities

Learning and teaching methods
Online teaching methods include critical analysis of case studies, online group discussions, presentations and asynchronous online discussions.

Course dates
To be announced.

For further details on fee and program schedule, please see:
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