



RESIDENCY IN CONTACT LENSES

Program Mission Statement:

The mission of the residency program in contact lenses is to attract the best and brightest minds in Optometry and groom them into leaders in the area of contact lenses.

Program Description

Objectives:

This unique training program in contact lens practice is designed,

To train the residents to the most advanced and currently available technologies in the field of contact lens practice and develop their research skills.

To reach and offer the most comprehensive contact lens eye care services to the vastly under served sections of the community.

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

Programme Name	Residency in Contact Lens	Residency in Contact Lens
Duration	One year	Two years
Number of positions available	One	One
Eligibility criteria	1. Bachelor of Clinical Optometry(B.Optom) with a minimum of one year of clinical experience in dispensing soft and RGP contact lenses 2. Post Graduate Diploma in Optometry and Vision Science (Anterior segment module only)	Bachelor of Clinical Optometry (B.Optom) with a minimum of one year of clinical experience in comprehensive optometry practice
Admission exam	Online written test + practical exam (Candidates who qualify in the on-line written test will be informed)	Online written test
Selection	Merit in the practical exam	Merit in the written test
Fee structure	National: INR 100,000/- International: USD 5600	National: INR 200,000/- International: USD 8400
Stipend	INR 5000/-	INR 5000/-
Requirement	Trainee should bring along one's own Retinoscope, trial frame and two aprons	

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Phase 1 (1month / 6months)

- Initial observation in comprehensive and sub - specialty 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 to be followed

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 selected topic of the research 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 lens parameters and dispensing
- Observations sessions in the Scleral lens clinic, learning about indications for Scleral fittings 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)

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

Admission examination

Program start date	02 March 2020
Application	Log on to www.lvpei.org and follow the steps of application (open the CL residency program in upcoming events)
Application processing fee	Application fee of INR 1000/- paid through demand draft in favor of "Hyderabad Eye Institute" payable at Hyderabad
Last date for application submission	12 January 2020
Online written test	20 January 2020
Practical examination date/time	31 January 2020
Practical examination venue	Contact Lens Clinic, L V Prasad Eye Institute, Banjara Hills Road No. 2, Hyderabad - 500034
Reporting for training	Contact Lens Clinic, L V Prasad Eye Institute, Banjara Hills Road No. 2, Hyderabad - 500034
Accommodation fee	Available at a nominal fee of INR 1500/month. For on campus accommodation, please bring personal bed linen including mattress and pillow.
Mess fee	If a trainee chooses to stay in the hostel, INR 24000/- (USD 335) for 6 months to be paid in advance along with tuition fee
Reporting address	Brien Holden Institute of Optometry and Vision Sciences L V Prasad Eye Institute, GPR Campus, Kismathpur, Donbosco Nagar PO, Hyderabad. 500 086, India

Application instructions:

Download the application form from www.lvpei.org

Please refer to application instructions for making the application fee payment by demand draft or online transfer

Attach self-attested copies of all the certificates {(10,10+2 & B.Optom certificate) and work experience letter as per the details in the application form)}

Incomplete applications (including failing to attach all the above-mentioned documents) will be disqualified



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