

**Course fee:** Course fee varies for each course. Please contact program conveners for details. It includes shared accommodation and food in the campus hostel.

**Deadline for submission:** Completed application forms should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the commencement of the course. The application forms are available on our website:<http://http://icare.lvpei.org/training-programs.php>

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*We also draw upon the expertise of the experts in the field of Community Eye Health from India*



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LV Prasad Eye Institute

## Courses in Community Eye Health & Eye Health Management





## L V Prasad Eye Institute

L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) is a comprehensive eye health facility with its main campus located in Hyderabad, India. A World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for the Prevention of Blindness, the Institute offers comprehensive patient care, sight enhancement and rehabilitation services and high-impact rural eye health programs. It also pursues cutting edge research and offers training in human resources for all levels of ophthalmic personnel.

LVPEI's mission is to provide equitable and efficient eye care to all sections of society. In the past 29 years, we have provided eye care services to over 21.3 million people, over 50 percent of them free of cost, regardless of complexity. We have trained over 18,967 eye care personnel from India and abroad. The LVPEI system is now a network with 1 Centre of Excellence at Hyderabad, 3 tertiary centres at Bhubaneswar, Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada and 167 secondary and primary care centres that cover the remotest rural areas in the state of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka & Odisha in India. Each day, hundreds of people who cannot afford eye care, receive care from some of the best eye health professionals, while hundreds more benefit from LVPEI's affiliate and satellite centres in rural areas and urban slums.

## Gullapalli Pratibha Rao International Centre for Advancement of Rural Eye care (GPR ICARE)

The Gullapalli Pratibha Rao International Centre for Advancement of Rural Eye care (GPR ICARE) was founded in the year 1998. GPR ICARE has been involved in the development of eye care services in underserved areas. GPR ICARE is an organized large-scale effort to reduce blindness in rural and unreached India, and other parts of the developing world, over the long term. All LVPEI's community eye care services are planned and managed by GPR ICARE. GPR ICARE offers training programs in the areas of Community Eye Health and Eye Health Management under the Ramachandra Pararajasegaram Community Eye Health Education Centre.

## Certificate and Diploma courses

The principle of community eye health is to apply the knowledge of eye care to the community to reduce blindness and visual impairment. This specialized area of study is not included in the routine curriculum of ophthalmology / optometry teaching in India and, to the best of our knowledge, in other developing countries. The courses in community eye health are aimed to inculcate the basic concepts of community eye health among those working in the communities, including basic epidemiology and biostatistics and research methodology.

The courses in community eye health management are designed to enable administrators to efficiently and effectively manage resources to provide comprehensive eye care to all. This course aims to help trainees acquire in-depth knowledge and understanding of the principles of health care management, underpinning the systems and processes used in an eye hospital; provide practical exposure and an opportunity to apply these principles in the day-to-day management of an eye hospital; encourage active participation in various aspects of eye care service delivery; and equip trainees to efficiently and effectively manage an eye hospital on their own.

While the certificate courses provide an overview of the concepts the long-term diploma courses provide an in-depth teaching of the concepts. Certificate course form the condensed form of the diploma courses specially design to be for those who are limited by time constraints. Both diploma and certificate courses are module based and one can opt to attend a specific module of interest. Practical hands-on training is provided on both the courses.

Course	Duration	Session Dates & No. of Candidates	Modules	Eligibility
*Online Courses in Community Eye Health	9 Weeks	Varies Online Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to Community Eye Health</li> <li>Epidemiology of Blinding Eye Diseases</li> <li>Eye Care Program Management</li> </ul>	Graduates with experience in community or development work and an interest in leading rural eye care projects
Diploma in Community Eye Health (DCEH)	6 Months	January (First Monday) 10-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to Community Eye Health</li> <li>Advocacy and Education in Community Eye Health</li> <li>Epidemiology of Blinding Eye Diseases</li> <li>Epidemiology and Biostatistics for Community Health Needs Assessment</li> <li>Eye Health Economics and Sustainability</li> <li>Eye Care Program Management</li> </ul>	Graduates with experience in community eye care or ophthalmologists
Diploma in Eye Health Management (DEHM)	1 Year	August (First Monday) 10-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eye Hospital Overview</li> <li>Clinical Services</li> <li>Support Services – Opticals, Pharmacy, Medical Records, Accounts, Eye Banking, Procurement, Stores, Biomedical and Maintenance, HR, Community Outreach and General Administration</li> </ul>	Graduates interested in pursuing a career as administrators
Certificate Course in Community Eye Health	4 Weeks	November (Second Monday) 10-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acquire the knowledge and understanding of the core elements of community eye health</li> <li>Know how to apply the core elements for activities related to the prevention of blindness</li> </ul>	Health professionals working in eye health programs. Any candidate, preferably graduates, and/or at least with 2 years of work experience in eye care
Certificate Course in Program Management & Evaluation (PME)	2-3 weeks	July (2nd and 3rd weeks) 10-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview for managers in the field of eye care to effectively manage eye care programs</li> </ul>	Graduates working in eye care with the government/NGOs/private sector for at least 2 years in a supervisory/senior position
Comprehensive Community Eye Care & Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) of the Visually Impaired	6 weeks	Variable 10-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To prepare grassroots level health care and rehabilitation personnel to facilitate Community Based Eye Health and Community Based Rehabilitation Services</li> <li>To enhance knowledge in advocating inclusion of persons with disabilities</li> </ul>	Persons working in organizations involved in health care service delivery, rural and urban community development programs, eye hospitals and other welfare organizations