

# Vision Technician

## Need for the training

LVPEI came up with an innovative concept of primary eye care about 20 years ago. Primary eye care is predominantly focused on dealing with provision of spectacles to those who need them, detecting potentially blinding diseases and referring them for appropriate primary eye care is the aim of our vision centres in remote, rural and tribal areas. To staff these, we have developed a cadre of technicians called "Vision Technician".



## Aim

1. To provide high quality primary eye care to neglected communities
2. To provide employment to rural youth who completed high school (Intermediate)

## Outcomes

- So far we have trained about 800 plus VTs and 200 of them are employed in LVPEI network. The remaining are spread all over India and other developing countries.
- Few of them have progressed to complete graduate program in Optometry; one completed Ph.D from University of New South Wales, Australia.

## Course Design

- Duration: One Year
- Two batches a year (Feb and Aug); each with 40-50 students
- Six months of didactic and hands-on training & Six months of internship

## Eligibility & Selection process

- 10+2 pass or Equivalent and should be able to understand simple English.
- Initial selection is done by the sponsoring organisation.
- Interview and admission test for final selection.



## International certification

Vision Technician program is accredited by International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (IJCAHPO), Canada.

★ *The entire course is at no cost to the student.*