



Clinical Internship - Optometry (July 2018 – July 2019)

Internship in Clinical Optometry

Program duration:

13 Months

Program commencing date:

July of every year. Exact dates will be indicated for interested candidates.

Eligibility:

The candidate should have completed their 3 years of optometry training (without any backlog/s courses) from a recognised optometry school/college/institute.

All candidates who are willing to support their expenses on tuition, travel, boarding and lodging may apply for the program. All interns must undergo a basic written exam and clinical skills assessment which includes objective refraction, subjective refraction and assessment of ocular health. Candidates who qualify in the written test will need to appear for a personal interview on the same day.

Students are provided shared in-house accommodation at the Bausch & Lomb School of optometry campus on payment basis at KAR campus and similar hostel facility is available at respective campuses. Indian vegetarian food at subsidized rates is available in the campus canteen. Students with special needs will be facilitated in finding accommodation close to the campus.

Course fees:

The course fee is INR 1,00,000 (non-refundable) to be paid by demand draft in the name of “Hyderabad Eye Institute” payable at Hyderabad.

Application instructions:

- Download the application form and fill in the details.
- Processing fee of INR 1000/- to be paid through Demand Draft in the name of “Hyderabad Eye Institute” payable at Hyderabad and posted along with the filled application.
- Attach attested copies of all the certificates (semester-wise)
- Attach provisional letter from your institute/school/college stating completion of 3rd year of Bachelor’s degree and mentioning eligibility to pursue internship at LVPEI.
- Any incomplete forms (including failing to attach all above mentioned) will be disqualified and not considered for admission exam.

Learning Objectives

1) Patient care: Students must be able to provide patient care that is compassionate, appropriate, and effective. At the end of their internship, students should be able to:

- Use appropriate interviewing skills to elicit an accurate and thorough history, addressing the onset and persistence of the condition in the context of the patient's life.
- Perform a detailed and accurate examination of the eye in a timely manner.
- Choose a diagnostic and management intervention based on sound reasoning using all the tools of evidence-based practice of optometry.
- Communicate effectively with General Practitioners, other health professionals, and health-related agencies to coordinate care and improve patient safety and quality of care.
- Recognise limits of clinical expertise and seek help appropriately.

2) Optometric knowledge: Students must demonstrate knowledge about established and evolving basic and clinical science, as well as the application of this knowledge to patient care. At the end of their internship, students should be able to:

- Use clinical reasoning processes to interpret data to derive a differential diagnosis and develop a clinical management plan, including in the areas of Anterior Eye, Binocular Vision, Contact Lenses, Glaucoma, Low Vision, Medical Retina, and Paediatrics.
- Select, justify, and interpret appropriate clinical tests and diagnostic procedures with attention to benefits, harm and cost.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the ethical, moral and legal foundations of optometric care.
- Recognise the social determinants of vision disorders and disease, and the influence of physical, social and cultural environments.

3) Practice-based learning and improvement: Students must be able to investigate and evaluate their approach to patient care, appraise and assimilate scientific evidence, and continuously improve patient care based on self-evaluation and life-long learning. At the end of their internship students should be able to:

- Demonstrate an ability to identify strengths and weaknesses in knowledge and skills, and seek opportunities to strengthen those deficits.
- Demonstrate the ability to give and receive constructive, formative feedback to enhance patient care.
- Utilise established patient pathways to provide care to patients and to help develop pathways to improve safe, quality patient care.
- Utilise information technology in the practice of life-long learning and to support patient care
- Raise awareness on various topics of eye care.

4) **Interpersonal and communication skills:** Students must be able to demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills that result in effective information exchange with patients, patients' families, and professional associates. At the end of their internship students should be able to:

- Communicate effectively with patients and families across a broad range of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds, and demonstrate sensitivity in the care of patients by treating them as an individual with consideration of age, culture, disability, education, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic background.
- Communicate perceptively in difficult situations including: giving bad news, disclosing errors, and working with distressed patients and their family members.
- Articulate an accurate clinical question when needed to support collaborative care.

5) **Professionalism:** Students must demonstrate adherence to ethical principles, and a commitment to carrying out professional responsibilities in the best interest of the patient and the community. At the end of their internship students should be able to:

- Apply principles of autonomy, beneficence, and justice, and work to resolve ethical dilemmas with other eye care professionals (e.g., Ophthalmologists) as they arise in clinical practice.
- Demonstrate honesty, integrity, respect, reliability, responsibility, and confidentiality in all interactions with patients, families, colleagues, and other professional contacts.
- Show commitment to lifelong cultivation of empathy, compassion, self-compassion, and self-care.
- Show commitment to the prevention of vision disorders and eye disease and injury and the promotion of health and wellbeing within the community.



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