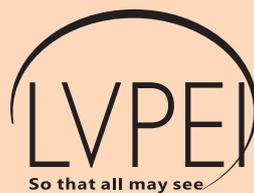


**Ramachandra Pararajasegaram  
Community Eye Health Education Centre**

# **Diploma in Community Eye Health**

(January - June)



**LV Prasad Eye Institute**

Gullapalli Pratibha Rao International Centre for Advancement of Rural Eye Care (GPR ICARE)  
Hyderabad, India

## 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 30 years, we have provided eye care services to over 23.8 million people, over 50 percent of them free, regardless of complexity. We have trained over 19,497 eye care personnel from India and abroad. The LVPEI system is now a network with 1 Centre of Excellence at Hyderabad, 3 tertiary centers at Bhubaneswar, Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada and 170 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 centers 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 1998. LVPEI's community eye care services are planned and managed by GPR ICARE. 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.

## Learning outcomes

At the end of the program the students will:

- Acquire the knowledge and understanding of the core elements of community eye health
- Know how to apply the core elements for activities related to the prevention of blindness
- Transfer the skills learnt to their peers and subordinates at their work place
- Use the broad-based curriculum to implement systems in any health-related field
- Use problem-solving skills effectively
- Improve their interaction and communication skills and become computer literate

## Program outline

- Module 1: Introduction to Community Eye Health - 2 weeks
- Module 2: Epidemiology & Biostatistics for Community Health Needs Assessment - 4 weeks
- Module 3: Epidemiology of Eye Diseases - 4 weeks
- Module 4: Advocacy and Education in Community Eye Health - 2 weeks
- Module 5: Eye Health Economics and Sustainability - 3 weeks
- Module 6: Eye Care Program management - 4 weeks

## Teaching methodology

- Didactic lectures
- Group activities and Individual project work
- Field visits
- Guided observation visits to community programs focused on various eye health issues including rehabilitation
- Observation on how the eye care facilities are managed at tertiary, secondary and primary level

*Opportunities will be provided for training and discussion in individualized areas of interest*

## Admission

**Student recruitment:** Only those students identified by sponsoring organizations or institutions who are willing to support their expenses on fee, travel and living costs will be enrolled. Students applying to GPR ICARE directly should forward a copy of their application form to the sponsoring organizations for possible consideration, if slots are available. Organizations can also sponsor students for individual course but students enrolled for an individual course are not eligible to receive a stipend.

**Number of students:** A minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 students will be enrolled into the program.

**Program dates:** The DCEH program will be conducted from second Monday of January every year. The program offers students the facility to combine individual courses or pursue a single course.

For application and brochure download please log on to: <http://icare.lvpei.org/training-programs.php>

**Award of diploma:** A 'Diploma in Community Eye Health' will be awarded to candidates who successfully complete the six-month program. Students enrolling for a single module have the choice to take all the modules within the specified time period of three years and qualify for the diploma certificate. Students enrolling for selected course will receive a certificate of completion after completing the chosen course.

**Stipend:** Full-time sponsored students will be paid a nominal stipend to cover their expenses.

**Accommodation:** Fulltime students are provided shared accommodation in the GPR ICARE campus. 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 Audience

- Health professionals working in eye health programs. Any candidates, preferably graduates, and/or at least with 3 years of work experience in eye care including:
- Ophthalmologists
- Optometrists / vision technicians / nurses/ other mid level ophthalmic personnel
- Supervisors / managers

## Fee (excluding taxes):

	Low Income Countries & India (INR)	Middle Income Countries (INR)	High Income Countries
Program fee	300,000	400,000	500,000
Living costs	72,000	72,000	72,000
Total	372,000 (US \$5904)	472,000 (US \$7492)	572,000 (US \$9079)
Fee per module*	50,000	68,000	85,000

\*does not include living expenses (1US\$ = ₹ 63 approximately)

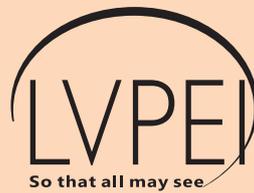
Staying in campus, though optional, is recommended. The living expenses would be approximately ₹12,000 - ₹15,000 (about US \$ 190-238) per month in Hyderabad, India, which covers shared accommodation, and boarding. Travel costs to and from the work place to Hyderabad to attend the program will be borne by the students.

Note: Low, middle and high income economy countries as per World Bank ranking. For details please log on to [www.sitesources.worldbank.org](http://www.sitesources.worldbank.org)

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