



Postgraduate Programs in Community Eye Health

Master of Community Eye Health

Graduate Diploma in Community Eye Health

How to Apply

For information on application procedures, please contact the School of Optometry (UNSW) by email at postgrad.optom@unsw.edu.au. International applicants will need to satisfy the UNSW language requirement, outlined at the following web site: www.international.unsw.edu.au/future/entry/entryenglish.html For more information please visit <http://www.handbook.unsw.edu.au/postgraduate/programs/2010/8761.html> or www.lvpei.org

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Come, change the face of eye care!

Two of the world's leading research institutions have partnered to offer two unique postgraduate programs in community eye health. The LV Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) and the University of New South Wales (UNSW) offer health care professionals an opportunity to immerse themselves in an enormously challenging study environment in Hyderabad, India.

The relevance, depth and diversity of the LVPEI study experience cannot be replicated elsewhere and, for this reason, it attracts interest from professionals around the world who want to learn from renowned academics and colleagues as passionate as themselves about rewarding careers in community eye health.

Since its establishment in 1986, the Institute has provided eye care services to over 6 million outpatients and trained over 12,000 eye care professionals.

About the programs

The postgraduate programs in community eye health aim to build a cadre of leaders who can engage in the entire spectrum of activities required to plan, manage and evaluate eye care programs for communities in need, with a special emphasis on the requirements of the developing world.

The Community Eye Health (CEH) programs were developed collaboratively by the School of Optometry and Vision Science (SOVS) at UNSW and the International Centre for Advancement of Rural Eye care (ICARE), LVPEI to provide education in community eye health to eye care workers in India and other parts of the developing world. The programs are delivered at LVPEI, so learning takes place in an environment in which various aspects of community eye health can be directly experienced.

The Master's in Community Eye Health (MCEH) may be completed in approximately one year, full time. Please note that the program begins in the Australian summer session, and extends through sessions one and two (from January to November, inclusive).

The Graduate Diploma in Community Eye Health (GradDipCEH) may be completed in six months, full time, and extends through the summer session and session one (from January to June, inclusive).

Who can undertake postgraduate study in community eye health?

These programs are designed for experienced health care professionals with a desire to specialize in community eye health. These highly regarded qualifications offer a relevant, applicable, research-based education to enhance careers in this field around the world.

Applicants come from a wide range of backgrounds, including:

- Qualified ophthalmologists with a recognized postgraduate degree with an aptitude for application of clinical ophthalmology for the benefit of the community,
- General doctors with a Bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery, recognized by the Medical Council of India or equivalent,
- Eye care professionals such as optometrists, ophthalmic nurses and other categories of professionals with the required level of formal education, and
- Administrators and managers of eye hospitals/centres.

Eligibility

Applicants to the MCEH program must have a Bachelor's degree and at least three years' work experience in the area of community eye health

Applicants without a Bachelor's degree can apply for GradDipCEH programs or Diploma in Community Eye Health program first and later can transfer the credits to the MCEH program.

Applicants who have previously completed the International Centre for the Advancement of Rural Eye care (ICARE) Diploma in Community Eye Health are eligible for entry to the MCEH with advanced standing. They are exempted from the first three courses within the MCEH program. These are the criteria for entry in MCEH with advanced standing:

- Average of at least 65% across subjects in DCEH
- At least 3 years of education with English as the medium of instruction