

Short term Fellowship in Low Vision Rehabilitation for Special Educators & Teachers

Objectives

The objective of this fellowship is to understand the term low vision and its functional implications in life, understanding the management of specific eye condition causing vision loss and to acquire knowledge on using various low vision devices.

Eligibility

Special educators with teaching experience in regular schools or special schools

Or

Optometrist with minimum 6 months work experience from any hospital/institutions

Or

Sponsored candidates from organizations (Intermediate passed/graduates and above degree) with no work experience in disability field

Age Limit : Not exceeding 35 years

Sponsored candidates: 40 years

Academic period : 3 Months

Number of seats : Two per batch

Outcome:

At the end of the training program, individuals will have the scope of working in low vision schools, regular schools, and private consultancy in low-vision rehabilitation

Curriculum

Theory

- Introduction to low vision
- Definitions – Blindness, Low vision, One eyed
- Explanation of disability sequence (Disorder, Impairment, Disability, Handicap)
- Prevalence and causes of low vision and blindness
- Examination procedures of visual functions
- Categories of vision loss
- Functional implications and behavioral manifestation of various eye conditions
- Management of different categories of vision loss
- Basic losses to vision loss
- Functional vision assessment
- Visual skills - fixation, focusing, scanning, tracking, discrimination, figure ground perception
- Techniques for the effective use of residual vision
- Environmental modification for different eye conditions
- Low vision devices (Types, magnification, merits, demerits, instructional training in using the devices)

Practical

- Training in using low vision devices
- Conducting functional vision assessment
- Individual case management
- Vision stimulation therapy