

Ophthalmic Nurse Assistants (ONA)

The need for training

Well-trained nurses are not available in adequate numbers to work in specialized eye care units. Also, those who are available do not have adequate knowledge of eye nursing.

Aim

The aim of this program is to create comprehensive ophthalmic nurses to provide complete nursing care to patients with eye disorders / problems.



Outcomes

- Well-trained eye nursing cadre with proper competencies, sincerity, dedication and compassion
- Employment to rural women from underprivileged sections
- So far, we have trained 500 Ophthalmic Nurse Assistants, and currently 150 ONAs are employed in our network, while others are working all across the country
- The Ophthalmic Nurse Assistants program not only helps trainees to study but also guides them on a specific career path. These self-reliant nurses are seen leading the way to women empowerment in India's villages

International Collaboration

L V Prasad Eye Institute has an ongoing successful collaboration with the University of Rochester School of Nursing, New York, USA, to strengthen the ONA program. We are working towards issuing a joint certification for this program. We are planning to expand the program.



Course Design

Duration: Two Years

- One year of didactic and hands-on training followed by one year of internship
- Two batches every year in February and August; 20 students in a batch (will be expanded in collaboration with University of Rochester)

Eligibility and Selection Process

- Girls who have completed 10th Grade (SSC)
- Age 18 to 25 years
- Written test/Interview
- Cost: INR 2,50,000 (Includes accommodation, food, stipend, tuition, etc. for 2 years)

❖ The entire course is at no cost to the student