

# Vision Technician

## The need for training

LVPEI established primary eye care centres in remote, rural and tribal areas about 20 years ago. Primary eye care predominantly deals with the provision of spectacles to those who need them, detecting potentially blinding diseases, and referring patients for appropriate secondary eye care. To staff these vision centres, we have developed a cadre of primary care providers called "Vision Technician".



## Aim

- To provide high quality primary eye care to neglected communities
- To provide employment to rural youth who have completed high school (10+2, Intermediate)

## Outcomes

- So far, we have trained about 800 plus VTs and roughly 200 of them are employed in the LVPEI network. The remaining are spread all over India and other developing countries.
- Some of them have progressed to complete the professional graduate program in Optometry; one Vision Technician has completed Ph.D from the University of New South Wales, Australia.

## Course Design

**Duration:** Two Years

- Two batches a year (February and August); each with 40-50 students
- One year of didactic and hands-on training followed by one year of internship

## Eligibility & Selection process

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



## International certification

Accreditation for the Vision Technician program is extended by the International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (IJCAHPO), Canada.

❖ The entire course is at no cost to the student