

# Optical Dispensing Course

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## Introduction:

Forty-two percent of the global visual impairment is because of uncorrected refractive errors. The prevalence of spectacles usage in India is approximately 22% and increasing rapidly due to the increasing incidence of myopia. A pair of spectacles is one of the available options to restore vision in an eye with visual impairment caused due to refractive error. It is an art to dispense a pair of spectacles to an individual. This involves the correction of error and needs to consider the occupation, facial anatomy, visual demands, and the lifestyle of an individual. This way, we provide the wearer, the optical, the physical, and the cosmetic benefits. Eyewear industry growth suggests that the compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of the global eyewear is 20%, and the Indian eyewear market is growing about 30%, according to the ASSOCHAM study. There is an immense demand to develop the skilled personnel to dispense a pair of spectacles, scientifically and aesthetically. A state-of-the-art ophthalmic dispensing resource center is available to train and develop optical dispensing technicians at L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, India, to fulfill the demand of skilled personnel.

## Frequently asked questions

### About the course and prospects:

#### 01) Who is the right candidate for the course?

Ans: A candidate who has a passion for beginning and excelling in their career in optical retail after completing 12<sup>th</sup> Standard or intermediate with a science background.

#### 02) There are several courses offered online and offline; why should I join this course provided by LVPEI?

Ans: Lots of experience in a short time. Optical dispensing is a skill-driven area and needs to master the skills. Online courses cannot deliver skills. The knowledge and exposure provided by the LVPEI and its optical retail stores cover the broader profile of patients and clientele in terms of providing spectacle prescriptions and dispensing varieties of pairs of spectacles across the network. The trainee would get to work in such an environment that nurtures them in optical dispensing quickly.

### 03) How would I be placed after the course?

Ans: Candidates can join LVPEI or outside optical retail stores. Campus interviews from renowned optical retail chains are a possibility.

### 04) What are the prospects?

Ans: One would be able to obtain a job in optical retail as a sales associate and would have a high potential to advance in their career as a store manager after completing a graduate course.

## Application and registration:

### 5) How shall I apply for the course.

Ans: Apply through the online link provided in the flyer or by visiting [www.lvpei.org](http://www.lvpei.org) and choosing the link under upcoming events

### 6) What is the qualification needed for the course?

Ans: 10<sup>th</sup> Std + (BiPC or MPC) with minimum 50% Pass.

### 7) Is the course online or on campus?

Ans: The course is on campus.

### 8) Would there be any entrance test?

Ans: No. There wouldn't be any entrance test. But, we interview candidates through a virtual platform.

### 9) When is the last date for application?

Ans: 31<sup>st</sup> August would be the last date for application

## 10) When does the course start

Ans: The course would start in September; Institute shall announce the start date to the registered candidates.

## Facilities on campus for living:

### 11) Where is the accommodation and what type?

Ans: Institute provides shared accommodation on the campus premises. Separate blocks for boys and girls are available on campus.

### 12) What about the food?

Ans: Our campus has a canteen facility that serves only vegetarian food. Only vegetarian food is allowed inside the campus.

### 13) What if I would like to stay outside?

Ans: The candidate needs to stay in the accommodation provided by the LVPEI in the first year. There would not be any trade-off for accommodation and canteen services in the first year.

## Facilities on campus for learning:

### 14) What educational resources are available?

Ans: Library and digital library with the state-of-the-art dispensing resource center for practical learning can train the candidate in all aspects.

## Examinations:

### 15) How are the examinations conducted?

Ans: Performance is monitored weekly once without scoring. Examinations are conducted once in three months.

## Break/Holidays:

16) How frequently do we get the breaks and holidays?

Ans: Institute would declare breaks during festivals and after the examinations from time to time.

## Location during the course:

17) Where would the course be taught?

Ans: Institute conducts the theory and practical sessions at GPR, Kismathpur campus, Hyderabad. On-job training is done in the LVPEI optical retail in Hyderabad for the first year, and then the trainees would be posted across the LVPEI network in the second year (Hyderabad, Vishakhapatnam, Vijayawada, and Bhubaneswar)

18) What would be the timing of the sessions?

Ans: In the first year, between 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. As per the operations of the retail stores in the second year.

## Course Fee and sponsorship:

19) What is the fee for the course?

Ans: For the first year, it is 1, 30, 500 INR (Includes accommodation and food facility). For the second year, it is 1, 38, 500 INR.

20) Would there be any stipend or scholarship?

Ans: For the first year, the institute provides a monthly 500 INR stipend. In the second year, the stipend increases to 6,700 INR per month. The institute bears the official transportation charges. In the second year, accommodation and food facilities are taken care of by the trainee itself.

21) I cannot afford the course fee. But I am interested in the course. What shall I do?

Ans: We encourage you to apply and attend the interview if you are eligible for the course based on your qualification. There could be a possibility of sponsorship for under-privileged candidates.

## Additional questions:

22) How is the certificate issued for the course?

Ans: SCB-Academy of Eye Care Education, L V Prasad Eye Institute issues the certificate to the candidate.

23) What if I discontinue the course in between.

Ans: The institute would not reimburse the course fee to the candidate would not provide either participation or course completion certificate.

24) Can I work while I take this course?

Ans; The course is full time and you cannot work offline or online.

25) What about the facility on the campus?

Ans: The campus is in South Hyderabad, which is fast growing. Accommodation and food facilities are within the premises of the campus. Hospitals, Banking and essentials are available around 4 km from the campus.

26) Is there any sports or recreational facility?

Ans: Indoor games are available. For recreational purposes, a television with a satellite cable connection is public, where the campus residents have access to it.