Short Term Training in Ocularist

ARAVIND EYE CARE SYSTEM
**Need for the Course**

An acute deficiency of skilled Ocularist in relation to the needs, demands a course of this nature. To understand the various needs of patients with blind eye who wants a cosmetic correction and to translate them into reality is a challenge. There is a focus on orienting the trainee towards various normal and abnormal changes in a blind eye and developing and upgrading new skills.

**Objectives**

- To provide knowledge & develop practical skills.
- To enhance clinical skills to support the ophthalmologist.
- To upgrade technical skills in preparation of prosthesis and maintenance of instruments.

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Any graduate/degree holder
- Candidates from well reputed organisation
- Should have exposure in ophthalmic set up

**Outcome of the course**

By the end of the course the trainee will be able to:

- Produce customized prosthetic eyes with the help of an ophthalmologist
- Assist ophthalmologist in clinical management
- Promote patient centred care with continuous quality improvement
- Apply scientific management practices under supervision of an ophthalmic department

**Training Methodology**

- Lectures
- Observation in prosthesis making and fitting
- Hands-on training
- Situation analysis study, case presentation

**Evaluation Pattern**

- Weekly evaluation
- Practical Examination
- Maintaining the log book
- Final Exam (Theory & Practical)

**Who can attend?**

This training is designed for para –ophthalmic professionals with a desire to increase their knowledge and clinical skill along with an attitude towards planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating activities towards carrying out the refraction practice efficiently.
Program Details

Duration: 3 weeks
Number of trainees: 1 per batch
Frequency: 1st week of every month
Selection will be made on first come first basis subject to meeting the eligibility criteria

Where to stay?

Accommodation

Accommodation can be arranged at Inspiration - Aravind international trainee’s hostel. It is a comfortable and quiet place within a five minute walk of the hospital and classrooms. It offers common spaces where you can relax and chat with your classmates from all over the world. Please note down the facilities and tariff details by viewing the inspiration brochure.

Food: Food will be served at Inspiration with the cost of 180/- per day.
Please note: on Sundays, the mess will be closed for Lunch and Dinner. Participants are requested to have food at outside hotel. However there are good restaurants located nearby Inspiration (walkable distance).

Where to come?

The course will be held at Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai, India. It is fully equipped with class rooms, Lab and facilities for group discussion. Madurai is well connected by air, rail & road to Chennai, Bangalore, Bombay & Trivandrum; nearby tourist attractions include Kodaikanal (a hill resort), Rameswaram (a temple town), Thekkady (a game sanctuary) & Kanyakumari (the southern most tip of India). The climate is pleasant during January & rain is rare at this time of the year. The days are generally warm & nights are comfortable.

Email facilities are available at LAICO building. The participants can use this facility during the break times.

How to pay?

Course Fee

Participants from India and Nepal pay a Rs. 50,000/- course fee. All other overseas participant pay US $1,300 . In addition, 18% of GST is applicable to the course fee. These amounts include instruments, tuition fee and teaching materials during the course.
The course fee has to be sent upon the receipt of the invoice on confirmation of your selection. India and Nepal candidates can send the Demand Draft in favour of Aravind Eye Hospital payable at Madurai. Overseas candidates can pay through wire transfer; the details will be given in the invoice.

**How to apply?**

Applicants are requested to download application forms from our website [www.aravind.org](http://www.aravind.org) and send the completed form to the course coordinator.

In case of difficulty in downloading the form, you can contact the course coordinator to get the forms by mail/Post. Status of the application form will be intimated two-three weeks after the receipt of the application form.

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