

Course Catalogue 2026



Aravind's mission to eliminate needless blindness has inspired the development of these courses, aimed at building a strong and skilled resource base for eye care.

The education and training programmes at Aravind and LAICO are intended for ophthalmologists, paramedical ophthalmic assistants, outreach workers and health care managers.

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& Postgraduate Institute of Ophthalmology**

**Lions Aravind Institute of Community
Ophthalmology (LAICO)**



ACCREDITED POST GRADUATE COURSES* (RESIDENCY COURSES)

S.No.	Name of programme	Venue	Positions per year	Duration / Commencement	Board of affiliation	Contact for information
1.	Master of Surgery in Ophthalmology (M.S)	Aravind - Madurai	20	3 years (May of each year)	Dr. MGR Medical University, Chennai	Dr. N. Venkatesh Prajna (vasanthi@aravind.org)
2.	Diplomate of the National Board (DNB)	Aravind - Coimbatore	7	3 years (Jan/Feb each year)	National Board of Examinations, New Delhi	Dr. V. Narendran (cbe.training@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Pondicherry	7			Dr. R. Venkatesh (pdy.personnel@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Theni	1			Dr. D. Datta (kalidass@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Tirunelveli	6			Dr. R. Ramakrishnan (tvf.office@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Salem	6			Dr. B. Manohar Babu (seran@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Chennai	5			Dr. S. Aravind (revathy.kannadhasan@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Tirupati	2			Dr. Ashok Vardhan (tpt.admin@aravind.org)
3.	Post DO DNB	Aravind - Coimbatore	7	2 years (Jan/Feb each year)		Dr. V. Narendran (cbe.training@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Pondicherry	7			Dr. R. Venkatesh (pdy.personnel@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Theni	1			Dr. D. Datta (kalidass@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Tirunelveli	6			Dr. R. Ramakrishnan (tvf.office@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Salem	3			Dr. B. Manohar Babu (seran@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Chennai	4			Dr. S. Aravind (revathy.kannadhasan@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Tirupati	2			Dr. Ashok Vardhan (tpt.admin@aravind.org)
4.	Diploma in Ophthalmology	Aravind - Chennai	4	2 years (Jan/Feb each year)		Dr. S. Aravind (revathy.kannadhasan@aravind.org)

OPHTHALMOLOGY FELLOWSHIP - LONG TERM* (ONLY FOR NATIONAL CANDIDATES) - Applications through online portal only

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1.	Retina-Vitreous	Aravind - Madurai	12	2 years	Dr. Naresh Babu (uma@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Coimbatore	7		Dr. V. Narendran (cbe.training@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Pondicherry	8		Dr. Manavi D Sindal (pdy.personnel@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Tirunelveli	4		Dr. Syed Mohideen Abdul Kader (tvf.office@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Chennai	8		Dr. Anand Rajendran (revathy.kannadhasan@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Tirupati	3		Dr. Venugopal Reddy (tpt.admin@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Salem	1		Dr. B. Manohar Babu (madhumitha.sundaram@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Thanjavur	2		Dr. Karthik Srinivasan (anandavignesh.arumugam@aravind.org)
2.	Anterior Segment / Intraocular Lens Microsurgery	Aravind - Madurai	8	2 years	Dr. Madhu Shekhar (vasanthi@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Coimbatore	7		Dr. Kalpana (cbe.training@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Pondicherry	4		Dr. Sudha (pdy.personnel@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Tirunelveli	4		Dr. V.R. Vivekanandan (tvf.office@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Chennai	4		Dr. Haripriya Aravind (revathy.kannadhasan@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Tirupati	4		Dr. Preeti Mohanty (tpt.admin@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Salem	2		Dr. B. Manohar Babu (madhumitha.sundaram@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Thanjavur	2		Dr. Divya Manohar (anandavignesh.arumugam@aravind.org)
3.	Glaucoma	Aravind - Madurai	8	2 years	Dr. George Varghese Puthuran (vasanthi@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Coimbatore	6		Dr. Ganesh V. Raman (cbe.training@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Pondicherry	6		Dr. S. Kavitha (pdy.personnel@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Tirunelveli	6		Dr. Mohideen Abdul Kadar (tvf.office@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Tirupati	3		Dr. Ashok Vardhan (tpt.admin@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Salem	2		Dr. B. Manohar Babu (madhumitha.sundaram@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Chennai	4		Dr. Neethu Mohan (revathy.kannadhasan@aravind.org)

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4.	Cornea	Aravind - Madurai	12	18 months	Dr. N. Venkatesh Prajna (vasanthi@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Pondicherry	6		Dr. Josphine Christy (pdy.personnel@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Tirunelveli	5		Dr. V. Anitha (tvf.office@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Salem	2		Dr. J. Anuja (madhumitha.sundaram@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Chennai	4	2 years	Dr. Seema Prabu (revathy.kannadhasan@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Tirupati	2		Dr. Biswajit Baral (tpt.admin@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Coimbatore	6		Dr. Mangala P (cbe.training@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Thanjavur	2		Dr. Divya Manohar (anandavignesh.arumugam@aravind.org)
5.	Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus	Aravind - Tirunelveli	4	2 years	Dr. R. Meenakshi (tvf.office@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Coimbatore	4		Dr. Kalpana (cbe.training@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Tirupati	2		Dr. Sathya T Ravilla (tpt.admin@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Madurai	5		Dr. Shaskikant Shetty (paediatricsecretary@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Chennai	4		Dr. Akila C (revathy.kannadhasan@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Pondicherry	3		Dr. K. Veena (pdy.personnel@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Salem	2		Dr. R. Janani (madhumitha.sundaram@aravind.org)
6.	Surgical Paediatric Retina Fellowship - including intraocular tumours (Post Retina Fellowship)	Aravind - Coimbatore	2	1 year	Dr. V. Narendran (cbe.training@aravind.org)
7.	Orbit and Oculoplasty	Aravind - Madurai	6	18 months	Dr. Usha Kim (vasanthi@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Tirunelveli	2		Dr. Maneksha (tvf.office@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Coimbatore	3		Dr. Viji Rangarajan (cbe.training@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Pondicherry	2	Dr. R. Jayagayathri (pdy.personnel@aravind.org)	
		Aravind - Chennai	4	2 years	Dr. Jayashree (revathy.kannadhasan@aravind.org)
8.	Uvea	Aravind - Madurai	2	18 months	Dr. S.R. Rathinam (vasanthi@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Coimbatore	1		Dr. Meera Mohana Kumar (cbe.training@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Salem	1		Dr. B. Manohar Babu (madhumitha.sundaram@aravind.org)
9.	Comprehensive Ophthalmology	Aravind - Theni	2	2 years	Dr. D. Datta (vasanthi@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Salem	2		Dr. B. Manohar Babu (madhumitha.sundaram@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Tirunelveli	2		Dr. R. Meenakshi (tvf.office@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Thanjavur	1		Dr. Karthik Srinivasan (anandavignesh.arumugam@aravind.org)
10.	Medical Retina	Aravind - Madurai	2	1 year	Dr. Naresh Babu (uma@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Coimbatore	4		Dr. V. Narendran (cbe.training@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Pondicherry	2		Dr. Manavi D Sindal (pdy.personnel@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Chennai	4		Dr. Anand Rajendran (revathy.kannadhasan@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Salem	1		Dr. B. Manohar Babu (madhumitha.sundaram@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Tirupati	1		Dr. Venugopal Reddy (tpt.admin@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Tirunelveli	2		Dr. Syed Mohideen Abdul Kader (tvf.office@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Thanjavur	2		Dr. Karthik Srinivasan (anandavignesh.arumugam@aravind.org)

* Stipend will be given during the training period

OPHTHALMOLOGY FELLOWSHIP - SHORT TERM (ONLY FOR INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES)

S.No.	Name of programme	Venue	Positions / Batch	Duration / Commencement	Course fee (US\$ for overseas)	Contact for information
1.	Orbit and Oculoplasty	Aravind - Madurai	1	6 months (Jan & Jul)	US \$ 5,000	Dr. Usha Kim (uma@aravind.org)

An additional 18% GST will be included in the course fee for all training programmes

CLINICAL COURSES - SHORT TERM (BOTH NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES)

S.No.	Name of programme	Venue	Positions / Batch	Duration / Commencement	Course fee (INR for India & Nepal) (US\$ for overseas)	Contact for information
1.	Small Incision Cataract Surgery	Aravind - Madurai	8	1 month (1st of every month)	Rs. 40,000 US \$ 1,000	Dr. Madhu Shekar (training@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Coimbatore				
		Aravind - Pondicherry				
		Aravind - Tirunelveli				
		Aravind - Chennai				
2.	Phacoemulsification	Aravind - Madurai	8	1 month (1st of every month)	Rs. 60,000 US \$ 1,500	Dr. Madhu Shekhar (training@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Coimbatore				
		Aravind - Pondicherry				
		Aravind - Tirunelveli				
		Aravind - Chennai				
3.	Clinical Observership Program in Glaucoma	Aravind - Madurai	4	1 month (1st of every month)	Rs. 20,000 US \$ 500	Dr. R. Ramakrishnan (tv1.training@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Coimbatore				
		Aravind - Pondicherry				
		Aravind - Tirunelveli				
4.	Vitrectomy (Virtual)	Aravind - Coimbatore	2	15 days (1st of every month)	Rs. 20,000 US \$ 500	Dr. V. Narendran (cbe.training@aravind.org)
5.	Management of Retinopathy of Prematurity & Paediatric Retinal Disorders	Aravind - Madurai	2	1 month (1st of every month)	Rs. 20,000 US \$ 500	Dr. Naresh Babu (uma@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Coimbatore				Dr. V. Narendran (cbe.training@aravind.org)
6.	Short Term Training in Neuro-Ophthalmology	Aravind - Madurai	4	3 months (4 batches a year, 1st of Jan, Apr, July, Oct)	Rs. 25,000 US \$ 625	Dr. S. Mahesh Kumar (training@aravind.org)
		Aravind - Coimbatore				
		Aravind - Tirunelveli				
		Aravind - Pondicherry				
7.	Orientation to Paediatric Ocular Anaesthesia for Anaesthetist	Aravind - Madurai	1	1 month (1st of every month)	Rs.7,500 US \$ 500	Dr. Shashikant Shetty (paediatricsecretary@aravind.org)
8.	HelpMeSee Simulation based Training in MSICS	Aravind - Madurai	4	4 days (On any week of every month starts on Monday to Thursday)	Rs.12,000 US \$ 350	Dr. Madhu Shekhar (training@aravind.org)

INSTRUMENT MAINTENANCE COURSES (BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES)

S.No.	Name of programme	Venue	Positions / Batch	Duration / Commencement	Course fee (INR for India & Nepal) (US\$ for overseas)	Contact for information
1.	Certificate Course on Instrument Maintenance for Technicians	LAICO - Madurai	6	4 weeks (Six batches a year, Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec)	Rs. 20,000 US \$ 500	Prof. N. Manickam (manickam@aravind.org)
2.	Certificate Course on Instrument Maintenance for Ophthalmologists	LAICO - Madurai	1	5 days (offered on request)	Rs. 10,000 US \$ 250	Prof. N. Manickam (manickam@aravind.org)

PARAMEDICAL COURSES - SHORT TERM (BOTH NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES)

S.No.	Name of programme	Venue	Positions / Batch	Duration / Commencement	Course fee (INR for India & Nepal) (US\$ for overseas)	Contact for information
1.	Training in Optical Dispensing	Aravind - Madurai	5	3 months (twice a year, Jan & Sep)	Rs. 30,000 US \$ 750	Dr. Usha Kim (education@aravind.org)
2.	Training in Operation Theatre Techniques	Aravind - Madurai	4	2 months (once a year, Oct)	Rs. 25,000 US \$ 625	Dr. Usha Kim (education@aravind.org)
3.	Training in Refraction Techniques	Aravind - Madurai	7	2 months (twice a year, Feb & Aug)	Rs. 25,000 US \$ 625	Dr. Usha Kim (education@aravind.org)
4.	Training Course for Orthoptist	Aravind - Madurai	2	6 months (twice a year, Jan & Jul)	Rs. 60,000 US \$ 1,500	Dr. Shashikant Shetty (paediatricsecretary@aravind.org)
5.	Ocularist Training	Aravind - Madurai	1	3 weeks (1st of every month)	Rs. 55,000 US \$ 1,375	Dr. Usha Kim (education@aravind.org)
6.	Training in Fundus Fluorescein Angiography and Ultrasonography	Aravind - Madurai	1	2 months (1st of every month)	Rs. 20,000 US \$ 500	Dr. Naresh Babu (uma@aravind.org)
7.	Training in Eye Bank Techniques	Aravind - Madurai	2	1 month (1st of every month)	Rs. 20,000 US \$ 500	Dr. M. Srinivasan (eyebankmanager@aravind.org)
8.	Training in Eye Bank Counselling	Aravind - Madurai	4	10 days	Rs. 4,000 US \$ 400	Dr. M. Srinivasan (eyebankmanager@aravind.org)
9.	Training in Eye Bank Management	Aravind - Madurai	2	6 days	Rs. 6,000 US \$ 400	Dr. M. Srinivasan (eyebankmanager@aravind.org)
10.	Vision Centre Technician	Aravind - Madurai	5	2 months (twice a year, Jul & Nov)	Rs. 20,000 US \$ 500	Mr. Mohammed Gowth (mohammed@aravind.org)
11.	Tele-Screening in Retinopathy of Prematurity	Aravind - Coimbatore	1	1 month (1st of every month)	Rs. 10,000 US \$ 250	Dr. V. Narendran (cbe.training@aravind.org)

MANAGEMENT COURSES (BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES)

S.No.	Name of programme	Venue	Positions / Batch	Duration / Commencement	Course fee (INR for India & Nepal) (US\$ for overseas)	Contact for information
1.	Fellowship in Eye Hospital Management	LAICO - Madurai	6	One year (once a year, 6 th August, 2026)	Rs. 1,00,000	Mr.B. Udayakumar (udayakumar@aravind.org)
2.	Management Priorities in Eye Care Delivery	LAICO - Madurai	40	1 week (once a year in January)	Rs. 30,000 US \$ 750	Ms. Dhivya Ramasamy (dhivya@aravind.org)
3.	Management Training for Eye Care Programme Managers	LAICO - Madurai	40	2 weeks (February 11-24, 2026)	Rs. 50,000 US \$ 1,250	Mr. Mohammed Gowth (mohammed@aravind.org)
4.	Management Training and Systems Development for Hospital Administrators or Managers	LAICO - Madurai	15	1 month (twice a year, Apr & Aug) (Apr 2 -30 & Aug 6 - Sep 5, 2026)	Rs. 30,000 US \$ 750	Mr. B. Udayakumar (udayakumar@aravind.org)
5.	Online course on Project Management for Eye Care	Online	15	1 month (November 2 - Dec 1, 2026)	Rs. 20,000 US \$ 500	Mr. V. Vijaya Kumar (vijay@aravind.org)
6.	Eyexcel Global - Excellence in Eye Care Training	LAICO - Madurai	10 teams	4 days (July 21-24, 2026)	Rs. 30,000 US \$ 750	Ms. Dhivya Ramasamy (dhivya@aravind.org)
7.	Certificate Course on Community Outreach and Social Marketing of Eye Care Services	LAICO - Madurai	15	17 days (twice a year, July & Nov) (July 1 - 17 & Nov 11 -27, 2026)	Rs. 20,000 US \$ 500	Mr. Mohammed Gowth (mohammed@aravind.org)
8.	Certificate course on Vision Centre Management	LAICO - Madurai	15	6 Days (Mar, June, Sep, Dec), 2026	Rs. 10,000 US \$ 250	Mr. Mohammed Gowth (mohammed@aravind.org)

GENERAL GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

Application forms

- Application form can be obtained from our website: www.aravind.org.
- National candidates should apply online for long-term fellowship programmes through <https://aravind.org/fellowships/>
- Application fee of Rs.1,000/- (with 18% GST) is applicable
- There is no application fee for short term programmes
- Incomplete application forms will not be accepted or considered for selection
- Passport size photograph along with required documents / certificates should be enclosed with the application form

Admission Procedure

- Admission will be made on a first come first serve basis subject to meeting the eligibility criteria
- For Residency Programmes: Mode of selection is through Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Directorate of Medical Education Counselling, Chennai (MS) National Board of Examinations, New Delhi (DNB, Post DO DNB, DO)
- For other courses: Mode of selection is through online submission of application form to the Course Coordinator
- Organizations wishing to nominate / sponsor candidates are requested to submit the nomination form along with the application form
- The status of application will be intimated within two-three weeks after the receipt of the application form

Fee Payment for Certificate Programmes

- National candidates can pay online on receipt of invoice / confirmation / appointment letter
- International candidates can pay the course fee through wire transfer, the account details will be given by the course coordinator on confirmation of selection

Certification

- Certificates will be provided at the end of the course for all Long Term, Short term and Management Courses after completion of the payment process.

Accommodation & Food

- For candidates selected in Madurai, accommodation is available at the "Inspiration Trainees Hostel" for Short-term & International trainees, while PG hostel is available for PG's and Long-term fellows (National).
- For candidates selected in other centres, accommodation is available at Postgraduate Hostels within the hospital premises. Contact your course coordinator for tariff details
- Participants are requested to submit their ID proof at the time of check-in

GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES

Approval from National Medical Commission (NMC)

- NMC provides temporary license for international candidates to practice medicine in India. It is mandatory for all provisionally selected ophthalmologists from foreign countries to get temporary license from the NMC to undergo surgical training in India - NMC approval is also mandatory to obtain Visa
- You can get detailed information regarding this from the website: <https://www.nmc.org.in/> or contact the course coordinator
- After confirming your candidature, the institute will take up steps for the NMC approval process, for which you need to share the necessary information and documents
- Final selection is subject to fulfilling the procedural formalities of NMC
- On receipt of the NMC approval, final confirmation and Visa invitation will be given from the institution

Visa

- A Visa is necessary for all international candidates to travel to India. It is advisable to get visa for the entire training period before arriving in India
- Extension of visa period during your training is not possible
- As your visit to India is for undergoing training, you must obtain student / entry / internship visa (based on the duration of your training). Tourist visa is strictly prohibited
- On arrival at Aravind, the FRRO (Foreigners Regional Registration Office) registration formalities will be done as per the reporting instructions given in the visa page



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