



**CHAITHANYA
INSTITUTE OF** **CIOVS**
OPTOMETRY & VISION SCIENCES

PROSPECTUS for Admission to B. Sc Optometry Course 2024-25



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CHAITHANYA INSTITUTE OF OPTOMETRY & VISION SCIENCES

(A Unit of the Chaithanya Foundation)

Affiliated to Kerala University of Health Sciences

Promoted by the Chaithanya Eye Hospital & Research Institute





BRIEF HISTORY OF CHAITHANYA EYE HOSPITAL & RESEARCH INSTITUTE

**Dr KGR Nair, Founder & Chairman
1943-2015**

**MS DO(London), FRCS(London),
FRCS (Glasgow)**

Ex Faculty, Queen Mary's Hospital Kent

Ex Teaching Faculty, Al Ain University of Medicine UAE

The Chaithanya Eye Hospital & Research Institute, Trivandrum was started in the year 1995 with 4 doctors and was one of the first stand-alone eye hospital in the private sector. Today, it boasts of 28 eye care specialists encompassing 16 specialisations.

The Hospital has grown to its present form with an impressive group of consultants offering a wide range of super specialty ophthalmic care with the most modern equipment and supported by experienced and qualified technical staff. We are committed to our vision of **Giving Light, Protecting Vision and Spreading Hope** and have been labouring and taking initiatives to deliver quality eye care to all strata of society.

OUR SPECIALITY SERVICES

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Comprehensive Eye Care | Orbit and Oculoplasty |
| Cataract and Refractive Surgery | Uvea Clinic |
| LASIK and Refractive Surgery | Ocular Trauma and Emergency |
| Cornea Services | Neuro-ophthalmology |
| Vitreoretinal Services | Refraction & Low Vision Aids |
| Glaucoma Services | Contact Lens Services |
| Paediatric Ophthalmology | Community Ophthalmology |
| Squint and Orthoptics | Corneal Transplantation Unit |



Message from the Managing Trustee, The Chaithanya Foundation

Dear Students,

Welcome to the Chaithanya Institute of Optometry & Vision Sciences, a proud initiative of The Chaithanya Foundation. This college represents not only a significant milestone for us but is also a symbol of our commitment to fostering excellence in eye care education. We trace our history to the year 1995 when our Founder & Chairman Dr. KGR Nair (MS DO (London), FRCS (London), FRCS (Glasgow) founded the Chaithanya Eye Hospital & Research Institute at Kesavadasapuram, Trivandrum. The Hospital is a fully accredited NABH hospital with top of the line equipment and staffed by some of the most renowned surgeons and specialists in the industry. We have now grown across Kerala which is a testimony of our success in delivering quality eye care to our patients.

The partners of the Chaithanya Eye Hospital & Research Institute conceived and registered The Chaithanya Foundation as a Charitable Society in the year 2022 with the noble objective of providing health science education for ensuring availability of well-trained skilled personnel capable of offering their services to Hospitals.

The Chaithanya Institute of Optometry & Vision Sciences under The Chaithanya Foundation, is not just a new academic establishment but a testament to our dedication to advancing eye care. As the Managing Trustee of The Chaithanya Foundation, I am honored to offer our B.Sc Optometry program, which is affiliated with the Kerala University of Health Sciences. We recognize the crucial role Optometrists play in delivering high-quality eye care. We are proud to extend our legacy of care and expertise into education, nurturing the next generation of optometrists who will continue to elevate the standards of eye health. The students are offered access to highly committed staff along with the most modern equipment and cutting-edge technology available in the Chaithanya Eye Hospital. We invite students of B.Sc. Optometry to take full advantage of this unique opportunity to access the latest equipment, library, infrastructure and real-world training opportunities, which would surely prepare them to excel as competent optometrists.

We welcome students to join us in this exciting journey.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Unnikrishnan Nair". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. R. Unnikrishnan Nair,
Managing Trustee, The Chaithanya Foundation
Managing Partner, Chaithanya Group of Eye Hospitals



Message from the Principal

Dear students,

Welcome to The Chaithanya Institute of Optometry & Vision Sciences, a college under The Chaithanya Foundation where we are committed to produce qualified, professionally equipped Optometrists capable of delivering superior services to patients.

As Principal, it is my pleasure to introduce our 4-year B.Sc Optometry course which is affiliated with the Kerala University of Health Sciences, Thrissur. The Course has been designed to provide a comprehensive education and training experience for aspiring Optometrists.

Our college is an extension of the Chaithanya Eye Hospital & Research Institute, a leading eye care Hospital founded in 1995. The Hospital's state of the art equipment and its team of renowned surgeons and specialists offer our students unparalleled opportunities to gain hands on experience and insights into the field of Optometry.

We understand the vital role that Optometrists play in delivering quality eye care and recognize the increasing demand for skilled Optometrists. Our mission is to develop well-trained Optometrists who are prepared to meet these needs and make a meaningful impact on society.

We look forward to welcoming you to our College and to stand by you in your journey to becoming a skilled and compassionate Optometrist.

With Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V. Sahasranamam". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name.

Dr. V. Sahasranamam, MS DO
Principal

CHAITHANYA INSTITUTE OF OPTOMETRY & VISION SCIENCES

The Chaithanya Eye Hospital & Research Institute through The Chaithanya Foundation established the Chaithanya Institute of Optometry & Vision Sciences, a teaching and training institution with Dr.V.Sahasranamam, MS,DO, Senior Consultant (Cataract & Pediatric Ophthalmology) as the Principal. Dr.V.Sahasranamam is a retired Professor of Ophthalmology under the Medical College, Trivandrum and was the Head of the Regional Institute of Ophthalmology, Trivandrum. The vast teaching and administrative experience of Dr.V.Sahasranamam, while helping the students gain immensely in knowledge acquisition will also lead the institution to greater heights.



About B.Sc. Optometry

The Chaithanya Institute of Optometry & Vision Sciences, Trivandrum is pleased to offer a 4-year undergraduate B.Sc. Optometry programme which is a comprehensive program designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in the dynamic and rewarding field of Optometry.

The B.Sc. Optometry course includes three years of academic training and one year of compulsory rotational internship in various specialty departments of the Hospital.

The course has approximately 240 working days in a year with a minimum of 6 hours per day for theory and practical sessions ie 1450 working hours, per year (inclusive of examination). After the third year, the students have to undergo one-year rotatory compulsory internship in various eye specialty clinics in the hospital. The course is approved by Government of Kerala and has been granted provisional affiliation by the Kerala University of Health Sciences, Thrissur (KUHS).



Duration permitted for completion of the Course

As stated above, the duration of the course is 3 years + 1 year of internship. However, the maximum permitted period for completion of the course will be 8 years including internship. (Double the duration of the course period.)



Attendance

- Each student is required to put in at least 80% attendance in each academic year for theory and practical subjects separately. This requirement is mandatory and cannot be reduced under any circumstances including maternity/medical leave.
- Each candidate shall complete the prescribed course satisfactorily in order to be eligible to appear for the examination. The Head of the Institution should submit Attendance Performance Certificate (APC) for each candidate on the satisfactory completion of the course.
- Absence from classes shall be permitted only with valid leave letter counter signed by Parent/Guardian and Warden-in-charge.
- Medical Leave application should be submitted along with Medical Certificate.



Condonation of shortfall in attendance

- Condonation, up to a maximum of 10 per cent can be granted for shortage of attendance on genuine grounds for subjects (theory/practical/both), once during the entire course period. The Principal is empowered to grant the condonation on recommendation by the Head(s) of the department under intimation to KUHS along with the prescribed fee.
- Along with the application for Registration in the Examination, the Principal shall give an Undertaking that the candidate has not availed this exemption previously.
- A Register showing the details of Condonation granted shall be maintained in the Office of the Principal which shall be subject to verification by Officers authorized by the University.



Key Features of the Course



Comprehensive Curriculum:

Covers all essential aspects of optometry including ocular anatomy, visual physiology, optics, clinical practice, and patient management.



Experienced Faculty

Learn from industry professionals with extensive experience in both clinical practice and research.



State-of-the-Art Facilities

Access to modern laboratories, advanced diagnostic equipment, and a dedicated optometry clinic.



Hands-On Experience

Opportunities for clinical training and internships to gain practical experience and apply theoretical knowledge in real-world settings.



Research Opportunities

Engage in research projects and contribute to advancements in the field of optometry.



Hostel Facilities

Separate Hostels for Boys and Girls, at prescribed fees with round the clock security available.

Subjects of study

The Course comprises of theoretical and practical studies in different branches of Optometry and its related subjects.



General Anatomy & Physiology, Ocular anatomy & Physiology, Physical and Geometrical Optics, Chemistry, Mathematics and English



Optometric Optics, Clinical Examination, Visual Optics, Nutrition, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Pathology, Pharmacology, Practical's & Postings



Systemic diseases, Eye diseases, Dispensing Optics, Mechanical Optics, Contact Lens, Low vision, Binocular Vision and Squint, Community Optometry, Projects, Practical's & Postings.



Internship, Clinics and Projects.

ADMISSION PROCESS

Criteria of Eligibility for Admission

To be eligible for admission to the B.Sc. Optometry course, candidates must meet the following criteria.

1. Only Indian citizens are eligible for admission to professional courses unless otherwise notified. Holders of Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) cards/Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) will also be treated at par with Indian citizens for the limited purpose of admission.

2. Candidates should have passed Higher Secondary examination conducted by the Board of Higher Secondary Education, Kerala or examination equivalent thereto as approved by Kerala University of Health Sciences, Thrissur. The candidates should have separate minimum pass marks for Physics, Chemistry and Biology and 50% marks in Physics, Chemistry and Biology put together.
3. The candidate should be 17 years of age to be eligible for admission.

Mode of selection to the Course

The Chaithanya Institute of Optometry & Vision Sciences has been permitted to admit 25 students for the B.Sc. Optometry course 2024

Government Seats: 13

Merit seats against which the Director, LBS Centre makes allotment are called 'Government Seats'. 50% of the seats are reserved under Govt. Merit Quota to be allotted by LBS Centre for Science & Technology.

Management Seats: 12 (4 Seats are reserved for NRI Category)

Seats other than Government seats are called Management seats. Candidates seeking admission under the Management quota should apply in separate application forms available only online from our website www.chaithanya.org/professional/ciovs.

Selection Process

Students will be selected based on their performance in the 12th Standard for Science group. After counselling, the admission process will be completed.



FEE STRUCTURE (2024-25)

| Seat | Year | Tuition Fee* | Special Fee* | Total Fee to be paid |
|--|--|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Management Seat | 1 st Year | 63525.00 | 39500.00 | 103025.00 |
| | 2 nd Year | 63525.00 | 27500.00 | 91025.00 |
| | 3 rd Year | 63525.00 | 27500.00 | 91025.00 |
| | 4 th Year | 63525.00 | 20500.00 | 84025.00 |
| NRI Seats | 1 st Year | 110000.00 | 39500.00 | 149500.00 |
| | 2 nd Year | 110000.00 | 27500.00 | 137500.00 |
| | 3 rd Year | 110000.00 | 27500.00 | 137500.00 |
| | 4 th Year | 110000.00 | 20500.00 | 130500.00 |
| Activity fees | Rs. 2500/- per annum (applies to Management and Merit seats) Rs. 2000/- only for 4 th year (applies to Management and Merit seats) | | | |
| University fees* | Rs. 1050/- (applies to Management and Merit seats) only for 1 st year | | | |
| University Administrative Fees* | Rs. 1400/- per annum (applies to Management and Merit seats) | | | |
| Hostel Accommodation & Food (Veg only) | Rs.66000/- per annum to be paid at the time of admission | | | |
| *The fee structure varies as per the notification issued by the Government/University | | | | |
| The above mentioned fees does not include books, uniforms or any other additional activity expenses | | | | |
| Fee Refund/Liquidated damages: Candidates who express their intention not to pursue studies in the para medical college before the last date fixed for closure of admission will be eligible for refund of the 1 st year tuition fee and other fees except admission fee. They will be eligible to get back their original certificates handed over to the college at the time of admission. In case of students who leave the college midway, the right of the management for liquidated damages if any, from such students shall be determined by appropriate proceedings before the competent Forum/Civil Court. | | | | |
| In case of students leaving the college, Transfer certificate shall be released to the student with one of his parents executing a bond undertaking to pay the amount that may be ordered by Admission Supervisory Committee (ASC), FRC. | | | | |



PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST RAGGING

According to the Kerala Prohibition of Ragging Act, 1998, 'ragging' means doing of any act by disorderly conduct to a student of an educational institution, which causes or is likely to cause physical or psychological harm or raising apprehension or shame or embarrassment to that student and includes teasing or abusing or playing practical jokes or causing hurt to such students or asking a student to do any act or to perform something which such student will not in the ordinary course be willing to do.

All institutions will have to abide by the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Dated May 16, 2007 in SLP No. (s) 24295 of 2006 University of Kerala Vs Council, Principal's, Colleges, Kerala & Ors [with SLP (C) No. 24296-99/2004 & W.P. (Crl) No. 173/2006 & SLP (c) No. 14356/2005] and the recommendations approved by the Honorable Supreme Court of India on effective prevention of ragging in educational institutions.

In case, the applicant for admission is found to have indulged in ragging in the past or if it is noticed later that he/she has indulged in ragging, admission may be refused or he/she shall be expelled from the educational institution. It shall be the collective responsibility of the authority of the institution to see to it that effective steps for preventing ragging are taken. Anti-ragging committees and anti-ragging squads will have to be formed to take effective measures against ragging and they should adhere to the stipulations and effectively monitor and comply with the directives. Each of the student of the institution and his/her parents, or guardian are required to submit a combined undertaking at the time of registration/admission in prescribed format which is mandatory for registration / admission.

ACADEMIC SCHEDULE -(2024-25)

ACADEMIC SCHEDULE FOR PARAMEDICAL COURSES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

| SL.NO | EVENT/PARTICULARS | IMPORTANT DATES |
|-------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | ISSUE OF APPLICATION | 20.09.2024 |
| 2 | LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION | 30.09.2024 |
| 3 | PUBLICATION OF RANK LIST | 03.10.2024 |
| 4 | PUBLICATION OF FIRST ALLOTMENT LIST | 05.10.2024 |
| 5 | DATE OF JOINING AND FEE REMITTANCE | 08.10.2024 |
| 6 | PUBLISHING THE JOINING AND NON-JOINING CANDIDATE LIST | 08.10.2024 |
| 7 | PUBLICATION OF SECOND ALLOTMENT | 10.10.2024 |
| 8 | DATE OF JOINING AND FEE REMITTANCE | 14.10.2024 |
| 9 | PUBLISHING THE JOINING AND NON-JOINING CANDIDATE LIST | 14.10.2024 |
| 10 | PUBLICATION OF THIRD ALLOTMENT | 16.10.2024 |
| 11 | DATE OF JOINING AND FEE REMITTANCE | 19.10.2024 |
| 12 | PUBLISHING THE JOINING AND NON-JOINING CANDIDATE LIST | 19.10.2024 |
| 13 | SPOT ADMISSION, IF ANY | PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE COMMITTEE |



Instructions to Candidates

- Applications must be complete in all respects. The candidate should affix copy of his/her photograph in the space provided in the application form.
- Candidates who have passed their qualifying examination from other Universities shall obtain eligibility certificate from the Kerala University of Health Sciences and submit the same at the time of admission to the course of study.
- If any student has to discontinue the course at any stage, he/she shall remit the fees prescribed for the entire course period.
- Candidates should submit their filled-in application form along with attested copies of the following documents.
 - Attested true copy of mark lists of all qualifying examinations like SSLC/Plus Two/other equivalent examinations.
 - Transfer Certificate
 - Conduct Certificate
 - Migration Certificate (if applicable)
 - Eligibility Certificate (if applicable)
 - Copy of Aadhar Card
 - 3 passport size color photographs
 - Other documents as prescribed by the Government/University from time to time.



Prospectus and Application Form

Prospectus and Application form can be obtained only through online mode at www.chaithanya.org/professional/ciovs

We look forward to welcoming you to the Chaithanya Institute of Optometry & Vision Sciences and supporting you in your journey to becoming a skilled and compassionate optometrist.

For Details, contact

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The contents of this Prospectus is only illustrative and not exhaustive. For details, please see draft prospectus approved by Government of Kerala in G.O(MS)No.90/2024/H&FWD dated 14.05.2024 and other orders issued by GOK/ KUHS from time to time.

