



**PACIFIC
EYE INSTITUTE**

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Pacific Eye Institute Program Guide

The Pacific Eye Institute

The Pacific Eye Institute (PEI), located in Suva, Fiji, trains graduates to provide eye care in Pacific conditions. Students gain a solid academic base and considerable supervised practical experience in an environment similar to the clinics in their own countries. Learning is undertaken with the guidance of well-respected eye care professionals from around the world. PEI's innovative programs are founded on current, active learning principles. PEI prides itself on providing a supportive environment for students.

PEI's programs take place in a state-of-the-art building which houses a fully equipped eye clinic, theatres, classrooms and resource centre.

PEI postgraduate diplomas and certificates are awarded by The Fiji National University, while master level degrees are awarded by The University of the South Pacific.

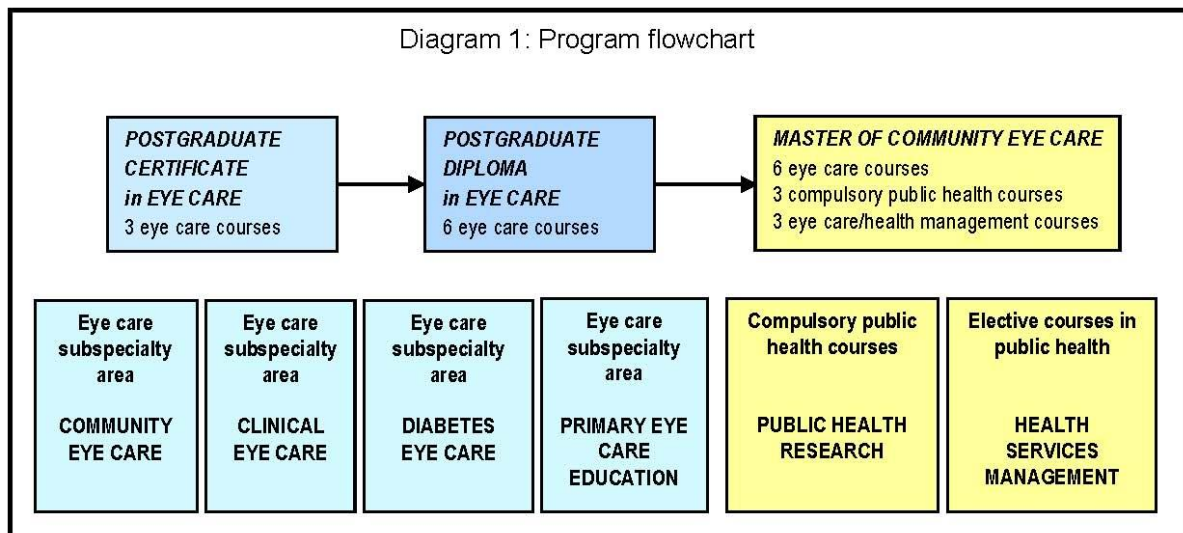
The language of instruction is English.

Programs Offered

The Pacific Eye Institute provides programs for Nurses and Health Technicians as well as Doctors.

Nurse and Health Technician Programs

The four nurse and health technician programs build on each other. The programs have multiple entry and exit points (see diagram below) but all produce eye care professionals with useful clinical and community health skills.



Postgraduate Certificate in Eye Care (PGCEC)

The PGCEC is designed for those who have completed Form 7 or higher with a minimum of one year work experience in a health field and a minimum of two to four weeks' observation in an eye clinic. The applicant should have interest in providing limited eye care services and have the ability to work as a member of a team.

The PGCEC produces an eye care professional with limited but specific competencies in a subspecialty area such as **Refraction, Eye Operating Theatre** or **Essential Eye Care**.

This is a six-month program consisting of three modules from one eye care subspecialty area.

Postgraduate Certificate in Diabetes Eye Care (PGCDEC)

The PGCDEC is designed for those who have completed Form 7 or higher with a minimum of one year work experience in eye care, general health or diabetes care who would like to specialize in diabetes eye care.

The PGCDEC produces a health professional with competencies enabling them to examine the eye to identify signs of diabetes eye disease, grade level of retinopathy and appropriately refer cases needing treatment.

The nature of the PGCDEC program requires graduates to return to a diabetes eye clinic equipped with a retinal camera, a retinal laser and a health professional trained to provide diabetes laser services. If these resources will not be available it is advised that applicants choose a different program at PEI.

This is a six-month program.

Postgraduate Diploma in Eye Care (PGDEC)

The PGDEC is designed for those with a Postgraduate Certificate in Eye Care and a nursing qualification permitting registration in the Pacific **or** a Bachelor of Health Science **or** a Bachelor of Science **and** a minimum of one year work experience in a health related field. All applicants to the PGDEC require a minimum of two to four weeks' observation in an eye clinic.

The PGDEC produces a general eye care professional with broad competencies in many areas of eye care which generally include:

- Essential Eye Care
- Operating Theatre
- Refraction
- Community Eye Care
- Health Promotion
- Management

This program is one year in length and consists of six modules.

Master of Community Eye Care (MCEC)

The MCEC is designed for those who graduated with a minimum grade of 65% in their PGDEC within the past three years. Exceptions for time-limitation may be given subject to an assessment of the applicant's working record. This assessment will be made by the PEI academic committee.

The MCEC produces an eye care professional with additional public health and research skills as well as an area of specialisation when compared to a PGDEC graduate.

This program includes public health courses offered at Fiji National University and eye care courses offered at PEI. It allows for flexible study including distance learning through The Pacific Open Learning Health Net (POLHN). Graduation requires the successful completion of a research project.

Programs for Doctors

Postgraduate Diploma in Ophthalmology (PGDO)

The DO is designed for qualified medical practitioners with two years' work experience as medical practitioners who have worked in a regional eye department for at least one year. The applicant should be motivated, dextrous and have binocular vision and the ability to attend to detail.

The DO produces an eye doctor competent in diagnosing and treating the leading causes of blindness and impaired vision.

This is a one year program.

Master of Medicine in Ophthalmology (MMed)

The MMed is designed for a motivated eye doctor who graduated with a minimum grade of 65% in their PGDO and who wishes to become a comprehensive ophthalmologist.

The MMed produces an eye care professional who is an authority on ophthalmic knowledge and practice pertaining to the surgical and medical eye care of individuals as well as population-based eye care.

This is a three year program.

Estimated Costs

It is recommended that you seek scholarship funding as early in the application process as possible. To help aid in your application for funding we've included estimated costs for your time at The Pacific Eye Institute. Please note that these are only estimates and you should consider any special circumstances in your funding application.

	Registration & Tuition	Airfare to Suva	Accommodation/ Living expenses & incidentals	Ophthalmic equipment	Books	Medical Indemnity
PGCEC	\$5000 FJD	Variable	\$800 - \$1300 FJD/month	\$2500-\$5000 FJD	\$500 FJD	
PGDEC	\$5000 FJD	Variable	\$800 - \$1300 FJD/month	N/A	\$500 FJD	
PGDEC	\$9000 FJD	Variable	\$800 - \$1300 FJD/month	\$5000 FJD	\$500 FJD	
MCEC	\$9000 FJD/Year	Variable	N/A	N/A	\$500 FJD	
PGDO	\$9000 FJD	Variable	\$800 - \$1300 FJD/month	\$5000 FJD	\$500 FJD	\$3000FJD
MMed	\$9000 FJD/Year	Variable	\$800 - \$1300 FJD/month	\$600 FJD	N/A	\$3000FJD

Questions

If you have any questions about the programs offered at The Pacific Eye Institute please feel free to contact the appropriate individual below.

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