

The OCULUS Project: An International Collaboration to Standardize Global Optometry Education and Scope of Practice

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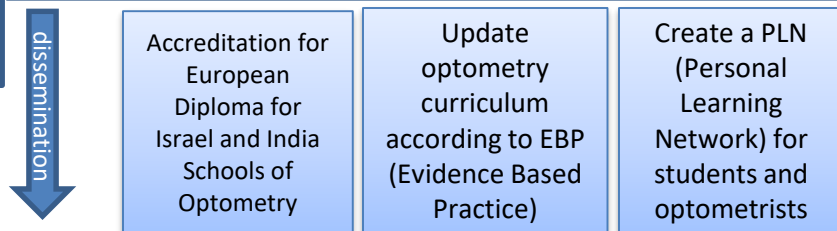
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WHO is OCULUS?

The OCULUS Consortium is an Erasmus+ funded project made up of academic and professional institutions from Norway, The Netherlands, England, Israel, India and Spain.



WHAT is OCULUS doing?



WHY OCULUS?

- **Higher quality optometry education:**
 - By achieving accreditation for the European Diploma (DipE) in Optometry, at the higher education institutions in Israel, India and Spain.
 - EBP: implementation of evidence based practice pedagogical techniques
 - Learning platform and log-book: Electronically documentation of clinical practice
- **Internationalisation:**
 - Globalisation of optometry education and, eventually, practice guidelines
 - Mobility of students, graduates and educators

HOW is OCULUS achieving its aims?

- **Benchmarking the optometric programs in India and Israel**
 - Step 1: Self-assessment form
 - Are we teaching everything for the diploma?
 - Do we have gaps?
 - Do we have “doubles”?
 - Step 2: Workshops on how to “close the gaps”
- **Developing and piloting pedagogic resources. Following a quality plan to achieve DipE accreditation and EBP**
 - Step 1: Assess what EBP we are already teaching
 - Step 2: Workshops to improve
- **Disseminating the project outputs**

Conferences, lectures and meetings
- **Create a PLN (Personal Learning Network) for students and optometrists**

Work has begun on creating this tool : collaboration between computer departments and optometry departments

WCO Categories of Optometric Services

