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PRESS RELEASE

IACLE holds first Fellowship Exam based on new programs

The International Association of Contact Lens Educators will hold its Fellowship Exam in November. This year will be the first administration for which the [New Distance Learning Program](#) (DLP) is available to candidates to prepare for the exam.

The New DLP – an online self-study program – was launched in September 2018 to align with the fully revised and updated [New IACLE Contact Lens Course](#).

All IACLE members are eligible to sit the exam, which will take place on **16 November 2019**. Candidates who achieve a successful outcome and have been members for at least 12 months can apply for Fellow of IACLE status. Those who meet the Fellowship criteria can use the prestigious FIACLE title.

Existing FIACLEs can also re-sit the Fellowship Exam as many times as they wish – free of charge – to refresh their knowledge and keep abreast of the latest developments.

The deadline for applications is **30 June 2019**. The next Fellowship Exam will be in 2021.



Here's what new FIACLEs say about achieving Fellowship...

'Achieving FIACLE status has been a dream come true and a matter of pride in both my professional and personal life, as I share a platform with eminent educators across the globe. It has boosted my self-confidence and given me recognition for all the efforts I've put in to imparting knowledge. I hope I inspire many to take up Fellowship, just as I've been inspired by colleagues who have been FIACLEs before me.'
FIACLE **Anitha Arvind**, Sankara College of Optometry, India



'FIACLE is a 'must do' exam for all contact lens educators, at least in the academic field. I'm very proud to have finally realized my dream and I would like to encourage all my colleagues to follow my experience.'
FIACLE **Mohamad Ali Hamadé**, Lebanese University, Beirut



'Fellowship allows us to demonstrate our knowledge in this field – especially to ophthalmologists – but also our desire to participate in the mission of IACLE in an active way, trying to standardize the teaching of contact lenses in France and more broadly in the world.'

FIACLE Arnaud Massenet, Aix-Marseille Université, France

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1. Visit www.iacle.org for information on all IACLE activities and membership benefits.
2. Registration for the Fellowship Exam is now available [here](#) along with full details.
3. Core languages for the exam are English, Simplified Chinese, Spanish, Korean, and Bahasa. Other languages may be available on request.

ABOUT IACLE

The International Association of Contact Lens Educators was established in 1979 and is a non-profit, non-political association. IACLE has 845 (as of December 2018) active members in 78 countries and welcomes contact lens educators from all eye care professions and related disciplines. IACLE is dedicated to raising the standard of contact lens education and promoting the safe use of contact lenses worldwide. It is the leading provider of educational and information resources essential to contact lens educators. IACLE is supported by leading global contact lens manufacturers: Platinum Sponsor Alcon, Gold Sponsor CooperVision, Silver Sponsor Johnson & Johnson Vision, Bronze Sponsor Bausch + Lomb and Donor Sponsor Euclid.