M: Course Objectives / Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the student will be able to:

- 1. Demonstrate progressive competency with the use of instruments for soft and gas permeable contact lens fitting and analysis
- 2. Demonstrate the steps of a typical soft or gas permeable lens pre-fit evaluation, diagnostic fitting, and post-fit evaluation
- 3. Demonstrate proper soft and gas permeable lens care and hygiene
- 4. Access online pharmaceutical information on ocular medications
- 5. Perform gas permeable lens parameter modifications
- 6. Perform an over-refraction process in a typical contact lens fitting
- 7. Describe and perform an automated sight-tight testing procedure
- 8. Describe the steps in a refraction assessment
- 9. Describe and perform important steps in boutique eyeglass and contact lens strategies

N: Course Content:

- 1. Introduction
 - a. Laboratory objectives
 - b. Laboratory hygiene
 - c. Office Instruments
- 2. Refraction, Automated Sight Testing and Over-Refraction with Contact Lenses
 - a. Phoropter and Trial lens acuity set
 - a. Mathematical calculations
 - b. Verifying spherical lens correction
 - c. Verifying toric lens correction
 - d. Verifying presbyopic corrections
 - e. Visual acuity complication
 - f. Referring to Optometrist, Ophthalmologist, or MD
- 3. Soft and Gas Permeable Lens Types, Materials Characteristics, and Fitting Relationship to Ocular Health
- 4. Soft and Gas Permeable Lens Solution Properties, Chemical Compounds, and Relationship to Ocular Health
- 5. Contaminants, Complications, and Contraindications Related to Ocular Health
- 6. Lens Damage and the Relationship to Fitting Complications
- 7. Soft and Gas Permeable Specialty Materials and Fitting Applications
 - a. Keratoconus lenses
 - b. Astigmatic lenses
 - c. Piggy Back lenses
 - d. Aphakic lenses
 - e. Pediatric lenses
 - f. Orthokeratology lenses
- 8. Soft and Gas Permeable Lens Design Analysis and Parameter Modification
- 9. Boutique Dispensing Strategies

Methods of Instruction:

- 1. Lectures
- 2. 3. 4. Independent study of courseware
- Independent completion of online self-assessment quizzes Completion of field assignments
- 5. Participation in online Discussion Forums

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