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The IACLE Curriculum Project is the result of a desire to raise the standard of eyecare education, to make contact lens wear safer and more successful, and to develop the contact lens business by creating the educational infrastructure which will produce the teachers, students and practitioners of the future.

The concept of the world's best educators making available their most creative educational contributions for the common good without any recompense, other than a sense of satisfaction, was born out of IACLE's idealism. The Curriculum Project could not be successful without the assistance and generosity of a large number of talented and dedicated people.

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