

Formal Educators In-Person Working Session – Full Day

Purpose: Strengthening Formal Education Through Shared Insight, Reflection, and Responsible Integration

Audience: Formal Opticianry Educators

Morning Session: Reflection & Shared Learning

Theme: Honoring What Works, Learning From Challenges, Shaping the Next Chapter

Format: Interactive workshop with small-group collaboration

7:30 – 8:15 AM | Arrival, Breakfast & Informal Connection

Breakfast and networking

8:15 – 8:45 AM | A word from Smart Mirror – Exclusive Educator Day Partner

Smart Mirror addresses the group

8:45 – 9:00 AM | Welcome & Framing the Day

9:00 – 9:55 AM | SUCCESS: What Is Working—and Why

Goal: Identify successful program practices and the conditions that support them

9:55 – 10:15 AM | Break

10:15 – 11:10 AM | TROUBLE: Where Programs Are Struggling

Goal: Surface real challenges without judgment or false solutions

11:10 AM – 12:00 PM | NEW: What Programs Are Planning or Considering

Goal: Understand where educators are intentionally evolving their programs

12:00 – 1:30 PM | Lunch

Afternoon Session: Integration & Application

Theme: Applying Shared Insight to Strengthen Programs—Individually and Collectively

1:30 – 1:45 PM | Afternoon Reset & Synthesis

Facilitator-led synthesis of morning session

1:45 – 2:45 PM | Application Workshop: Integrating What We've Learned

Goal: Translate shared insight into practical, program-relevant actions

2:45 – 3:00 PM | Break

3:00 – 4:00 PM | Sharing Integration Snapshots

Whole Group Sharing

4:00 – 4:15 PM | Collective Reflection & National Stewardship

Guided discussion

4:15 – 4:30 PM | Closing & Appreciation

4:30 – 5:20 PM | Optional – Eyebot innovation presentation

6:00 – 9:00 PM | Welcome Reception