

Low Vision Rehabilitation: Assessment and Treatment Strategies for Older Adults

Course Description:

Low vision is becoming an increasingly more common condition as the “baby boomer” generation approaches the age of 65. According to the National Eye Institute, it is estimated that the number of Americans suffering from major eye diseases is increasing at an unprecedented rate and is on the verge of becoming a major public health crisis. By the year 2020, the number of people who are blind or have low vision is expected to almost double. In 1991, the U.S. Health Care and Financing Administration changed its definition of physical disability to include visual impairment, opening the door for healthcare professionals to assess and treat the rehabilitation needs of millions of Medicare recipients who have a primary diagnosis of visual impairment. This hands-on, two day seminar will cover the anatomy and physiology of the eye, common eye diseases, current medical treatments and the impact of low vision on the patient’s ability to perform various activities of daily living.

There is a critical shortage of healthcare professionals in this field and the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) has recognized low vision rehabilitation as one of the top 10 emerging practice areas in the new millennium, and has established a low vision specialty certification. After attending this program, participants will have the tools to quickly and effectively evaluate low vision and measure the effectiveness of low vision treatment plans in their practice setting. Over four hours of direct lab time are included to help you develop the practical skills necessary for successful assessment and interventions including optical device use, ADL / Home modifications, reading and writing. In addition, this program will also supply professionals with the necessary education and preparation on how to provide low vision rehabilitation services within an existing or new practice.

Course Instructor:

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Approvals

Pending DE State Board of Occupational Therapy for 12.0 contact hours.

Times:

Fri. Nov. 4 – Sat. Nov. 5, 2011, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm, Registration starts at 7:30am

Location:

Doubletree Hotel Wilmington Downtown, 700 N. King Street, Wilmington, DE 19801
Phone: 302-655-0400

Pricing:

	Early (2 weeks prior)	Regular
Single	\$379	\$399
Group of 3 or more	\$369	\$389

To Register:

1. Online at www.SkillsFirstEducation.com.
2. By Phone: 888-456-6318
3. Download registration form from the website and fax to: 888-506-1862 or mail to Skills First, PO Box 856, Barnegat NJ 08005