

Neuro-Visual Processing (Optometric) Rehabilitation and Visual/Postural Dysfunction Following a Neurological Event: Level III

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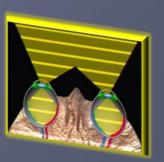


Course Description:

Level 3 will explore advanced therapeutic approaches for patients who have stabilized the Base of Support (BOS) but who have difficulty organizing the spatial (ambient) visual process for higher level activities such as being introduced to environments that are busy or overstimulating (eg. shopping in a super-market), or attempting to read but experiencing difficulty with movement of print and headaches. The role of the ambient process will be explored relative to stabilizing the visual field. Parallax will be used to demonstrate how to stabilize the ambient process together with movement and posture. Visual field loss will be discussed in regards to the bi-modal process and the relationship to motor-sensory dysfunction. Therapeutic activities will be demonstrated in addition to new methods of therapy with prisms and technology. Neuro-Visual Postural Therapy (NVPT) will be used to demonstrate how to affect homonym outs hemianopsia as well as field compression from PTVS causing "tunneling".

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- Creating a model of vision for neuro-rehabilitation
- Δ Paradigm shift
- Δ Prisms
- Δ \cdot Need to observe and assess posture





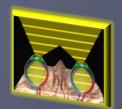


Level III Course Objectives

- Develop an understanding of how to engage the focal process of vision without compromising the relationship of the ambient process with the motor system.
- ♦ Work with advanced methods of NVPT in conjunction with bi-modal visual processing.
- ♦ Understand the technology for assessing the bi-modal visual process affecting organization of space movement, and higher perceptual functioning.
- Develop treatment strategies that recognize three levels of visual dysfunction as well as incorporating three levels of NVPT methods to affect rehabilitation.

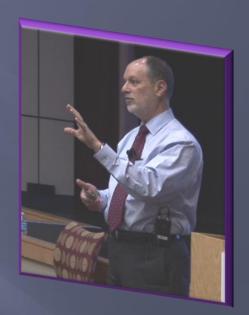






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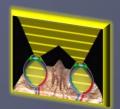
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