About the Speaker

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Linda has been instrumental in program development at the Keck Medical Center of USC, including the Occupational Therapy Low Vision Program and the occupational therapy protocol for cognitive assessment of individuals with possible normal pressure hydrocephalus.

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AOTA Classification Codes: Low Vision; Evaluation; Intervention

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This one-day workshop provides comprehensive information on low vision therapy. Participants will come away with a fundamental knowledge of the eye diseases, evaluation techniques and variety of intervention strategies for providing services in this area.

A basic description and illustration of the anatomy and physiology of the eye and common terminology in low vision therapy will be defined. Participants will also learn about basic refraction, myopia, hyperopia, astigmatism and presbyopia, and how these translate to the power needed in lenses, eye glasses, and magnification. Visual function including visual acuity, visual fields, color perception, accommodation, dark or light sensitivity and adaptation will be discussed and how deficits in any of these can impact performance in daily activities and participation in occupations of choice. The difference between visual function and visual perception will be emphasized so that the most appropriate occupational therapy intervention can be recommended. Participants will also learn about clinical/medical conditions including but not limited to age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, cataracts, & retinitis pigmentosa and engage in discussion of how these are related to occupational performance.

The occupational therapy low vision evaluation will be explained, and a wide variety of occupational therapy low vision interventions will be explored and discussed. This course includes a hands-on component.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Participants completing this workshop will:

- Outline the basic anatomy, physiology and refraction of the eye.
- Identify the pathology of common eye diseases and conditions which impact occupational performance of ADLs and instrumental ADL/IADLs.
- Differentiate visual function and visual perception.
- Identify the low vision rehabilitation team, common terminology, and OT’s role in low vision rehabilitation.
- Select appropriate evaluation and interventions with optical and non-optical equipment in ADL and IADL performance.

AGENDA

8:00     Registration and Sign-in
8:30     • Common terminology in low vision and low vision services
         • Anatomy and Physiology of the eye
10:15    Break
10:30    • Common adult low vision related eye diseases
         and its pathology
         • Visual function versus visual perception
12:00    Lunch (on own)
1:00     • Low vision evaluation; hands on experience
2:30     Break
2:45     • Low vision intervention; hands on experience
4:00     Learning Outcomes / Course Evaluation

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