












PRACTICAL VISION THERAPY PROGRAM

Course Flow & Program Outline: Australia & NZ



 January	Program Registration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Register for Workshop 1 in March 2. Online modules commence mid January 3. You can now log in to the online system and start the program!
	Online Module 1: Introduction to Behavioural Optometry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does an optometrist do? • What is Behavioural Optometry? • What does vision have to do with behaviour? • Who benefits from Behavioural Optometry? • What do treatments involve?
	Online Module 2: What is Vision?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of Vision • Is Vision the same as Sight? • What is the visual process? • Visual development • The brain, not the eyes! • The 4 Circles • Treating problems • Optometric Vision Therapy
 March	Workshop 1: Learning Difficulties & Eye Movements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Optometric Vision Therapy? • Basic anatomy • Overview of visual pathways • Visual development • Eye movements & Fixation • VT for eye movements • Visual processing testing • VT for visual processing
 Mar – Oct On the job skills practice	Optometrists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start work on Practice Visit Report (due before attending Workshop 3) • Register for Workshop 2 	Vision Therapists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete & submit the Workshop 1 assignment (due before attending Workshop 2) • Start work on Practice Visit Report (due before attending Workshop 3) • Register for Workshop 2

	<p>Online Module 3: Practice Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare & Optometric services • Patient records • Patient privacy • Patient rights • Working with children • Health & safety • Risk management
	<p>Online Module 4: Successful Vision Therapy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation • Accountability • Brain rules • Attention • Levels of demand • Compliance • Managing expectations & surveys • Communication
 October	<p>Workshop 2: Accommodation & Convergence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual dysfunctions • Refractive conditions • Accommodation & convergence • Models for understanding visual dysfunction • Stress, schema, embeddedness • Impact and incidence • Management considerations • VT for visual dysfunction
 Oct – July On the job skills practice	<p>Optometrists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue work on Practice Visit Report which must be submitted before attending Workshop 3 • Register for Workshop 3 	<p>Vision Therapists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete & submit the Workshop 2 assignment before attending Workshop 3 • Continue work on Practice Visit Report which must be submitted before attending Workshop 3 • Register for Workshop 3
 July 	<p>Workshop 3: Treatment of Amblyopia, Programming VT</p> <p>Assessment & Graduation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is amblyopia? • Types of amblyopia • Visual development • Neuroplastic principles • Critical periods • Treatment of amblyopia • Occlusion therapy • VT for anisometropic amblyopia