

OEP vs PVT course



Should you do the **Practical Vision Therapy** Course or the **OEP Clinical Curriculum**? What's the difference? Here is a table which sets out the features & benefits to help you in your educational decision-making.

	OEP Clinical Curriculum	Practical Vision Therapy Program
Description	<p>This is a 4 part program made up of the following workshops:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Art & Science of Behavioural Vision Care (5 days) 2. VT1 – Vision Therapy for Visual Dysfunctions (5 days) 3. VT2 - Learning Related Vision Problems (5 days) 4. VT3 - Strabismus & Amblyopia (4 days) 	<p>This is an 18 month program made up of online modules & face to face workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Module 1 – • Online Module 2 – • Workshop 1 (2 days) • Online Module 3 – • Online Module 4 – • Workshop 2 (2 days) • Workshop 3 (2 days)
Suited to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optometrists with OR without experience in behavioural vision care • Fellows of ACBO • Therapists who are currently employed with an optometrist who has previously completed the course themselves. • Experience levels 1, 2 & 3. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice staff wishing to become Accredited Vision Therapists (must be working for an optom who meets the eligibility criteria) • Optometrists who are new to behavioural optometry, or who have little experience with providing vision therapy. • Practitioners who are looking for a course with a significant practical element, allowing them to get hands on experience with providing office based vision therapy. • Practitioners who would like to train a vision therapist to work with them, but who themselves have little experience or attendance at vision therapy CPD.

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Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete course to arm practitioners with ability to understand how vision problems develop, how to identify them & how to treat them. • Each VT course offers more than 12 hours of practical hands on demonstrations & experience. • Gives practitioners ability to implement immediate change in their practice. • Ongoing support from OEP instructors for case management. • Access to OEPF procedure write ups and demonstration videos. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New group starts every year in March • Content delivered by online modules, lecture style and practical demonstrations at workshops • Delivered in modules which spreads out workload over 18 months • Introduces behavioural vision care and the practicalities of providing vision therapy to practitioners with relatively little experience in this field. • Provides procedure write ups as well as information on administration, vision therapy practice management and compliance. • Assessments provided for accreditation purposes (therapists only) • Cheaper than the OEP Core Curriculum. Average registration cost per workshop is \$595. Online modules do not require travel or additional costs • Total cost for program is \$1785 + travel costs (subject to change)

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Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACBO will only run one or two of these workshops per year, so it will take at least 2 - 3 years to get through the whole program • More time away from practice as program requires 4-5 days for each course, and a total of 19 days in total. • More expensive, at an average of \$1975 for ACBO members per workshop • Total cost for whole program \$7900 for ACBO members + travel costs (subject to change) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory level, aimed at providing a novice practitioner with the means to get up and running with some of the most commonly seen optometric conditions that can be treated with vision therapy. • Lens prescribing is not covered in detail (however, an overview of optometric testing is provided and treatment lens types)
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