

Vision Therapists



<p>Benefits of ACBO Vision Therapist Membership:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gain knowledge and skills within functional vision care and vision therapy delivery through educational and networking events with optometrists and other vision therapists 2. Be able to participate in educational presentations developed specifically for those engaged in delivery of vision therapy services 3. Have ready access to a vast range of resources through the ACBO bookshop and website 4. Receive a 10% discount on all products from the ACBO Bookshop 5. Be informed about the activities and occurring events of ACBO via the online newsletter 6. Gain the recognition of being an Accredited Vision Therapist, by completing the accreditation program
	<p>THE PROCESS TO BECOME AN ACCREDITED VISION THERAPIST</p>
<p>Vision Therapist (in training)</p>	<p>An ACBO Fellow may elect to sponsor an Optometric Assistant through the ACBO vision therapy training program. The ACBO Fellow assumes responsibility to assist and mentor the candidate to the completion of the self-directed, distance education program. In order to achieve accreditation status, the registrant is required to complete and submit tasks from a number of subjects for Board review.</p> <p>Time granted to complete this process is three years. An example of such subjects is detailed below:</p>
	<p>Example Subjects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The optometric assistant's handbook – a guide to working in full-scope practice 2. Child development - a neuro-developmental perspective 3. Ophthalmic optics in the VT room 4. Types of visual inspection dysfunctions – deficits with perceptual-motor learning 5. Types of visuo-cognitive deficits – delays in visually related cognitive developmental areas 6. Testing of visual inspection skills 7. Testing of visuo-cognitive operations 8. Clinical skills for therapists – part A 9. Clinical skills for therapists – part B 10. Therapy delivery – in free space

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Outcome Achieved: Accredited Vision Therapist	<p>Those who have successfully completed the requirements above. An Accredited Vision Therapist is listed in both the print and online directories. A mandatory 10 hours of continuing education annually (or 30 hours over three years) in functional vision care is required to maintain accreditation.</p> <p>The Accredited Vision Therapist needs to maintain a working relationship, where their clinical duties are directly supervised and professional indemnity is held by the ACBO Fellow.</p>
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