

Engaging the Low Vision Community through Education, Research, and Service

**A Seminar for
Occupational Therapists,
Physical Therapists & Nurses**

**An Educational Offering by
Florida International University
College of Nursing & Health Sciences
Occupational Therapy Department**

&

**Miami Lighthouse for the Blind
and Visually Impaired, Inc.**

(CE hours available)

Saturday, March 3rd, 2012

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Miami Lighthouse

601 SW 8th Avenue

Miami, Florida 33130

Main Number: **305.856.2288**

Seminar Information: **786.362.7514**

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Engaging the Low Vision Community through Education, Research, and Service is a lively continuing education seminar intended to empower healthcare professionals with the knowledge they require to meet the needs of the growing number of patients who are impacted by low vision. It will be held at the renowned Miami Lighthouse for the Blind & Visually Impaired. Presenters will cover low vision and blindness as they impact functioning and quality of life from birth through the adult years. Some of the topics to be discussed will include infant development, assistive technology, communication, psychosocial adjustment, patient/family-centered care, and independent living.

Target audience:

This workshop will be valid for CE hours for nurses, occupational therapists and physical therapists. Due to the increased prevalence of low vision in patients of all ages and in a variety of patient care settings, all health care professionals and practitioners can benefit from the information provided.

Objectives:

Upon completion of this seminar, the attendees will be able to:

1. Explain the meaning of low vision and its impact on function as well as know how to implement adaptations that enhance the functional independence for those affected by low vision.
2. Recognize the implications of early intervention and its impact in the areas of emotional, financial and social well being as well as explain how visual impairment affects the different stages of development for a child.
3. Determine the risk factors impacting the mobility and safety of a person with low vision as well as learn how to implement functional mobility training techniques as well as improving gait and balance.
4. Describe the adaptations and modifications to task that will increase the capacity for an individual with low vision to complete activities of daily living independently.
5. Know the skills necessary for visually impaired clients to complete IADLs with increased independence.
6. Recognize the difference between a regular eye exam and a low vision exam, recognize its importance, understand the definition and implications of legal blindness, including available resources.
7. Conceptualize the challenges of our changing demographics and their impact on vision loss.
8. Recommend resources for the care of elderly patients with low vision.
9. Relate recent research findings in the field of low vision to priorities in care.
10. Develop appropriate models of care to meet the growing demand of the elderly with vision loss.

PROGRAM

8:00 - 8:30 AM Registration, Orientation & Continental Breakfast – First Floor Gallery

Morning General Sessions

8:30 - 9:20 AM	<i>FIU and MLB Partnership for Evidence-based Research in Community-based Services</i>	Virginia Jacko, M.S. & Kinsuk Maitra, Ph.D., OTR/L
9:30 - 10:20 AM	<i>Overview of Independent Living Skills</i>	Richard Nieves, CVRT & Raquel Van Der Biest, OTR/L
10:30 - 11:20 AM	<i>Fall Prevention and Safe Ambulation</i>	Lisa Roberts, DPT, PT, GCS & John Clapp, COMS
11:30 AM - 12:20 PM	<i>Psychosocial Adjustments to Low Vision and Patient/Family-Centered Care</i>	Graciela Perez, LCSW & Elise Bloch, Ed.D., OT/L
12:30 - 1:30 PM	LUNCH – First Floor Gallery <i>The Keynote: Low Vision Rehabilitation from the Perspective of Optometrists</i>	Rosemary Gonzalez, O.D., Low Vision Optometrist

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions

1:45 - 2:45 PM	Session 1: <i>The Developing Child with Visual Impairment</i> Session 2: <i>Community Mobility for the Visually Impaired</i>	Isabel Chica, M.S.Ed. & Krizia Perez, MSW Dennis McCarthy, Ph.D., OTR/L & Carol Brady-Simmons, COMS
3:00 - 4:00 PM	<i>Hands-On Experience</i>	
4:00 - 4:30 PM	<i>Closing Comments and Program Evaluation</i>	Alma Abdel-Moty, Dr.OT, M.S., OTR/L

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Registration

Name _____

Professional credentials _____

RN/OT/PT License # _____

Address _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Fax _____

Practice/Business _____

Areas of Interest for Hands-On Experience:

(Please check two)

- Children's Area
- Assistive Technology
- Orientation & Mobility
- Personal/Home Management/
Activities of Daily Living

Continuing Education Hours:

Occupational Therapists approved for 7.0 contact hours.

Physical Therapists approved for 7.0 contact hours.

Registered Nurses approved for 5.5 contact hours.

Registration and fees:

Space is limited, so register **NOW**.

Pre-register by February 3, 2012: \$75.00 & \$35.00/students

Onsite registration: \$85.00 & \$40.00/students

No refunds will be made for cancellations.

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