

Interdisciplinary Approaches to Low Vision Across the Life Span

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

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

**Miami Lighthouse for the Blind
and Visually Impaired**

(CE hours available)

Saturday, November 6th, 2010

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Miami Lighthouse

601 SW 8th Avenue

Miami, Florida 33130

Main Number: **(305)856-2288**

Conference Information: **(786)362-7529**

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Interdisciplinary Approaches to Low Vision Across the Life Span is a lively continuing education seminar intended to empower healthcare professionals with the knowledge they need 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 located in the Little Havana district of Miami. Presenters will cover low vision and blindness as it impacts functioning and quality of life from birth through the adult years. Some of the topics to be discussed will include infant development, adaptive technology, communication, psychosocial adjustment, aging in place and personal management.

Target Audience:

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

Guest Speaker:

Tara A. Cortes, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN is the Executive Director of the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing and a Professor at the NYU College of Nursing. Previously, she was the President and CEO of Lighthouse International in New York City.

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 know how to implement adaptations that enhance the functional independence for those impacted 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. Identify the characteristics and functional impact of hearing loss in children who are also visually impaired as well as implement strategies and accommodations that enhance communication.
4. 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, improve gait and balance.
5. 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.
6. Know the skills necessary for visually impaired clients to complete IADLs with increased independence.
7. Explain the difference between a regular eye exam and a low vision exam, recognize its importance, understand the definition and implications of legal blindness as well as know the resources available.
8. Conceptualize the challenges of our changing demographics and their impact on vision loss.
9. Describe the available resources for the care of our elderly with low vision.
10. Relate recent research findings in the field of low vision to priorities in care.
11. Develop appropriate models of care to meet the growing demand of the elderly with vision loss.

PROGRAM

8:00 - 8:25 AM Registration, Orientation & Continental Breakfast – First Floor Gallery

Morning Concurrent Sessions

8:30 - 9:20 AM *The Developing Child with Vision Impairment* Amy McKenzie, Ed.D. & Isabel Chica, M.S.Ed.
Access Technology & Vocational Rehabilitation Bill Rivera, COMPTIA & Brendan Gibson, MIDI

9:30 - 10:20 AM *Communication with Children Who Are Deaf & Blind* Jeanette S. Leonard, M.A., CCC-SLP/A
Psychosocial Adjustments to Low Vision Graciela Perez, LCSW & Jessica Franchi-Alfaro, MSW

10:30 - 10:55 AM COFFEE BREAK – First Floor Gallery

11:00- 11:50 AM *Aging in Place through Vision Rehabilitation* Maria A. Fernandez, M.S., OTR/L & Richard Nieves, CVRT
Interacting with Children with Vision and Hearing Impairment
Amy McKenzie, Ed.D. & Jeanette S. Leonard, M.A., CCC-SLP/A

12:00 - 1:00 PM LUNCH – First Floor Gallery – *Our Aging Population & The Prevalence of Low Vision*
Guest Speaker, Tara A. Cortes, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions

1:10 - 2:00 PM *Overview of Personal Management Skills & Devices*
Carol Brady-Simmons, COMS & Natalie Duarte de Escalante, CVRT
Fall Prevention & Safe Ambulation Lisa Roberts, DPT, PT, GCS & John Clapp, COMS

2:00 - 3:00 PM *The Importance of a Low Vision Exam* Rosemary Gonzalez, O.D., P.A .

3:00 - 4:00 PM *Blindfold Experience*

4:00 - 4:30 PM *Program Evaluation & Closing Comments*

Interdisciplinary Approaches to Low Vision Seminar Registration

Name _____

Professional credentials _____

RN License# _____

OT License # _____

PT License # _____

Home Address _____

E-mail address _____

Fax number _____

Home Telephone _____

Practice / Business

Address _____

Work fax number _____

Work Telephone _____

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 October 5, 2010: \$75.00 & \$35.00 for students

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

No refunds will be made for cancellations.

Please mail your check payable to **Miami Lighthouse**
with the completed registration form to:

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