

AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF BEHAVIOURAL OPTOMETRISTS NEW ZEALAND PRESENTS:

The New Zealand branch of the Australasian College of Behavioural Optometrists will hold a special 5 day course from Wednesday 14th to Sunday 18th July 2010 in Wellington, New Zealand.

Venue

Barry & Sargent Optometrists
1st Floor, The Grand
16-18 Willis Street, Wellington

**Stop Dabbling and
Make VT Really Work
for You and Your Patients!**

Program – OEPF Clinical Curriculum VT/Visual Dysfunctions Course

(5 day course -- 35 hours Continuing Education)

For both Optometrists and Vision Therapists

This is an essential course for anyone wanting to make vision training an integral part of their optometric practice and is designed to be in-depth for both advanced and beginning optometrists interested in vision therapy.

The VT/Visual Dysfunctions Course teaches a core curriculum of in-office and home therapy which consists of a series of procedures which are not necessarily specific to any one dysfunction but which together lead to successful, happy and enthusiastic patients. It combines classic and innovative procedures which further helps both beginning and advanced behavioural optometrists understand the Behavioural Concept behind optometric vision therapy. This will give you the confidence, skills and knowledge needed to start successfully treating your everyday patient with visual difficulties from a broad framework and understanding of the role of fixation, peripheral vision, accommodation and convergence in helping these individuals regain their potential.

The course presenter will be **Dr Robin Lewis**, who is well known in the field of Behavioural Optometry. He is a 1981 Graduate of the Pacific University College of Optometry and is currently in practice in Chandler, Arizona. He, with 4 like-minded optometrists, has been presenting the OEPF Behavioural Concept courses both in the USA and internationally for more than 10 years. He is currently Director of Education for the Optometric Extension Program, the only non-profit organisation that has been providing optometrists with continuing education in the field of optometric vision training for more than 50 years.

The class will be kept small (maximum of 15). You get the personalized, in-depth, hands-on clinical experience you need to return to your practice and immediately begin to benefit both your patients and your practice. Your OEPF experience doesn't end after you leave the course: OEPF Clinical Curriculum instructors are available by fax, phone and email to consult with you about your patients and practice. We want you to be able to put your new concepts, clinical tools, and confidence, to work right from the start.

Vision Therapy 1 includes:

Hands On: Individual procedures will be demonstrated and explained in depth. The instructor will act as a therapist. Participants will become "patients" during the demonstrations. The instructor will demonstrate fully how to modify the procedures by changing the loading to adjust the demand levels to precisely the level needed to achieve maximum development.

Core Techniques: AN Dissociated and Associated Pointing, AP Rule, Balance Board, Brock String, Cheirosopic Tracings, Coin Circles, Central-Peripheral Saccades, "Ninja Training", Eye Control, Keystone Fusion Games, Lightboard, Motor Equivalence, Overlapping pictures, Tachistoscope, Vectograms, VO Stars, Walking Rail, and Wallach Rings to name just a few.



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Some classic procedures will be presented in more depth than ever before to explain not only the rationale behind the procedure, but also its relevance and where it can be placed for maximum impact in the vision therapy program. Procedures never presented before will be covered in as much depth so they can be utilised from day one back in the office.

Each participant receives a complete manual of all VT procedures, homework sheets, procedure grids, explanations and all materials to get you up and running immediately.

Each registrant will be supplied with a pre-course readings CD, along with a manual. These will be supplied upon registration and payment of the course as soon as they arrive from the USA. There is a pre-course survey that the presenter requests that each person do prior to the course. This will be found on the CD that will be supplied. When complete, the registrant needs to fax the answer sheet back to the course coordinator Theresa Krejci to be scored in the USA. Details of this are on the CD.

There is some pre-course reading that should also be done prior to the course, so the sooner each you register the more time you will have to do the necessary work prior to the course.

The course will be held in the large vision training room at Barry & Sargent Optometrists, so that not only can each procedure be explained but equipment will be available to experience the procedures as they are intended to be used.

Courses begin at 9:00 am each morning and will finish at 5:00 PM. On the last day of the course we begin at 9:00 am and generally finish by 3:00 PM. Lunch is NOT INCLUDED but there are many locales within a 1 block radius for food, allowing everybody the choice of what to eat.

NOTE:

This course has a very restricted number of registrants. To secure your place registration and payment must both be supplied soon.

Once registration and payment is received the CD can be sent for you to complete the survey and the pre-course reading.

This course does not teach diagnosis but is devoted to solving the vision problem once diagnosis and management is completed.

**30 CPD
HOURS WILL BE
APPLIED FOR**

