**Procedure and Training to become accredited as an OEPF clinical curriculum instructor.**

To become a fully accredited OEPF faculty instructor, candidates have to go through a rigorous selection and screening process, and this starts even before being admitted as an instructor-in-training. The whole qualification process from start to finish to become an OEPF instructor takes approximately 8 to 10 years or more to become qualified to teach OEPF clinical curriculum courses. To qualify for all four courses the time will be even longer and requires a rigorous investment of time and resources from all OEPF faculty.

Selection to become an instructor-in-training:

There are several criteria that have to be matched to be selected as a candidate instructor-in-training:

1. have a minimum amount of years of experience providing vision therapy;
2. have ~~a~~ proven experience in teaching and public speaking;
3. treat patients in a thriving vision therapy practice.

All candidate instructors-in-training must complete all four OEPF clinical curriculum courses at least twice and demonstrate active participation and knowledge before being invited as a potential candidate instructor-in-training.

Procedure to become accredited as an OEPF instructor:

Once invited, candidates will receive in-depth mentoring and teaching by senior OEPF faculty and be asked to prepare a "half teach" of a course under the supervision of a senior instructor. During the half teach the instructor will need to prove that he or she can teach at least half of the course, be familiar with the material through tests and be fully prepared to answer any in depth theoretical and practical questions.

Average preparation under the guidance of a senior instructor for a half-teach is one year. Once a candidate has performed a half teach for one of the OEPF clinical curriculum courses, the senior instructor writes up a full evaluation report and provides feedback to the candidate. Once the senior instructor endorses the candidate's ability to teach the particular clinical curriculum course, he or she will share the feedback with the rest of the instructor group. If a candidate does not demonstrate sufficient aptitude the candidate will have to repeat the half teach.

Once the entire faculty gives approval, the instructor candidate can move to do a full teach. Again, there will be a preparation time under the supervision of a senior instructor. This will be a similar preparation as for the half teach and take approximately six months of preparation time both regarding theory as well as practical knowledge of vision therapy. Preferably the candidate will be assigned to a different senior instructor for this preparation as for the half teach. After the candidate teaches a full teach under the supervision of the senior instructor a new evaluation report will be written up and presented to the faculty group. Only when the report is positive and the entire faculty agrees the candidate is ready to proceed, a general evaluation report will be presented to the OEPF Executive Director and the OEPF Board of Directors. The Board must confirm by vote the accreditation of the candidate to become a fully accredited instructor for the singular course he or she just demonstrated sufficient knowledge in.

This same procedure of half and full teaches will be repeated for every one of the four OEPF Clinical Curriculum courses. After being accredited for all four, a candidate will be considered a senior instructor.