

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

**A Seminar
for OTs, OTAs, PTs, PTAs, and
nurses**

**An Educational Offering by
Florida International University
Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing &
Health Sciences
Occupational Therapy Department
&
Miami Lighthouse for the Blind**

Saturday, June 3, 2017

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Miami Lighthouse

601 SW 8th Avenue

Miami, FL 33130

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

Seminar Information: **786-362-7514**

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About Miami Lighthouse...

**A Nationally Recognized Center of
Excellence in Visual Rehabilitation**

Since 1931, Miami Lighthouse for the Blind has provided an impressive array of rehabilitation services and training that give hope, confidence, and independence to blind and visually impaired children and adults, annually serving nearly 13,000 program participants.

“Miami Lighthouse has a long track record of excellence in service to people experiencing vision loss. It was the first agency in the country to specialize in services to older visually impaired people, and the board and management are continuing this tradition of excellence today.”

Carl Augusto, President & CEO
American Foundation for the Blind

Directions to the Lighthouse

From the North:

- Take I-95 South to the SW 7th Street exit.
- At the bottom of the ramp, turn right onto SW 7th Street.
- Proceed to the next traffic light, which is SW 8th Avenue and turn right.
- Our parking lot is on the right-hand side, a 1/2 block down.

From the South:

- Take US 1 North until it becomes I-95 North.
- Take the SW 8th street exit.
- At the traffic light, go straight ahead to the next traffic light, which is SW 7th Street.
- Turn Left.
- Go to SW 8th Avenue (a traffic light) and turn Right.
- Our parking lot is on the right-hand side, a 1/2 block down.

From the West:

- Take the Palmetto to 836 East.
- Proceed to I-95 South.
- Take I-95 South to the SW 7th Street exit.
- At the bottom of the ramp, turn right onto SW 7th Street.
- Proceed to the next traffic light, which is SW 8th Avenue and turn Right.
- Our parking lot is on the right-hand side, a 1/2 block down.

From the West via SW 8th Street:

- Head east on SW 8th Street to SW 8th Avenue.
- Turn left onto SW 8th Avenue.
- Go 1 1/2 blocks north.
- Miami Lighthouse is on the right.

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Registration

Name _____

Professional Credentials _____

License # _____

Address _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Fax _____

Practice/Business _____

Continuing Education Hours:

OTs and OTAs approved for 7.0 contact hours.

PTs and PTAs approved for 7.0 contact hours.

Pending approval from Nursing Board.

Registration and fees:

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

Pre-register by May 22, 2017: \$75.00 & \$35.00/students

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

No refunds will be made for cancellations.

Do you need accommodations? ___ Yes ___ No

Please charge my:

VISA MasterCard AMEX Discover

Credit Card Account Number

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Name (as it appears on card)

Signature

Please make your check payable to **Miami Lighthouse** and mail completed registration form to:

**Low Vision Seminar Registration
c/o Miami Lighthouse**

601 SW 8th Avenue - Miami, Florida - 33130
For phone reservations or questions, please call:

786-362-7449

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 is relevant for occupational therapy and physical therapy practitioners, and nurses. 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 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 and Continental Breakfast	
8:30 – 8:40 AM	Welcome – A Collaboration with FIU and MLB	Dr. Alma R. Abdel-Moty
8:40 – 9:20 AM	Miami Lighthouse of the Blind: 85 years later	Virginia Jacko, President & CEO Miami Lighthouse
9:20 – 9:30 AM	BREAK	
9:30—10:20 AM	Living Independently with Low Vision	Raquel Van Der Biest, CLVT, OTR/L
10:20-11:10 AM	The Developing Child with Visual Impairment	Chantal Armada & Tobi Elden-Weisberg
11:10-12:10 PM	Hands-On Experience	Oseas De Leon & John Garcia
12:10—1:10 PM	Lunch: Visual Empowerment Nursing Interventions for Visual Impairments	Dr. Bryan Wolynski Noreen Smith, RN
1:10– 1:20 PM	BREAK	
1:20—2:10 PM	Overview of Visual Processing within the CNS	Dr, Hector Huerta
2:10—3:00 PM	Community Mobility	Carol Brady-Simmons, COMS & Sara Leal, COMS
3:20—4:20 PM	Hands-on Experiences	John Garcia & Oseas de Leon
4:20 – 4:30 PM	Closing Comments and Program Evaluation	Dr. Alma Abdel-Moty