



CLINICAL EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OF VISUAL & PERCEPTUAL IMPAIRMENTS FOLLOWING ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY

A HANDS-ON APPROACH

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 3 & 4, 2025

CHECK IN AND BREAKFAST: 7:30 am • **PROGRAM:** 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

William F. Andrews Conference Center

WakeMed Raleigh Campus, 3024 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27610

This course is designed for occupational and physical therapists who treat persons with acquired brain injuries and other neurological conditions that impact the visual system. In this two-day course, faculty will offer their knowledge of the visual system, assessment and treatment techniques regarding visual management and clinical manifestations of common visual impairments following an acquired brain injury.

This is an intermediate level course. Participants will be able to apply immediately upon completion of the course, the assessment and treatment strategies learned throughout the two days.

Target Audience

Physical Therapists, Physical Therapy Assistants, Occupational Therapists, Occupational Therapy Assistants

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Speakers

Amy Berryman, OTR, MSHSA, has worked throughout the continuum of care in traumatic brain injury for over 20 years, including inpatient, outpatient, and transitional living settings. She has presented extensively on vision rehabilitation in acquired brain injury and has published in the areas of vision, interdisciplinary team approaches to rehabilitation, and vocational rehabilitation. Additionally, Amy has advanced training in NDT techniques, serial casting, and other modalities to facilitate neuro-muscular recovery. Amy completed her occupational therapy degree at the University of Oklahoma, and graduated with her master's degree in health services administration from Regis University. Amy is an adjunct professor for the Creighton University occupational therapy program, facilitating the neurorehabilitation lab coursework for their Colorado cohort.

Karen Rasavage, OTR, CBIST, currently works as a Clinical Professional Education Coordinator, Vision Clinic Coordinator, and Living Well with Brain Injury committee leader at Craig Hospital. Karen graduated from the University of Oklahoma and has worked throughout the acquired brain injury continuum of care including inpatient, outpatient, and transitional living settings. She specializes in collaborating with neuro-optometrists, and places emphasis on integrating occupational therapy concepts, such as sensory integration and activity analysis, into visual rehabilitation with children and adults following brain injury. Karen also has specialized training in NDT, Kinesiotaping, and SAEBO applications for enhanced upper extremity functioning. Karen has been published in the areas of interdisciplinary rehabilitation, vocational rehabilitation, and vision.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this educational activity, the participant should be able to:

- Review common visual and visual-perceptual impairments associated with acquired brain injury.
- Identify a vision screening and assessments that can guide treatment planning and referrals.
- Apply clinical skills to assist with treatment planning for the patient with visual and visual-perceptual impairments.
- Explain interdisciplinary and functional impacts of visual impairments.
- Demonstrate treatment techniques for addressing visual impairments including environmental modifications and remedial functional vision interventions.



Agenda

DAY 1: SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

7:30 am	Registration and Breakfast
8:00	Welcome and Module 1: Program Overview
9:00	Module 2: Vision Care Collaborations
10:00	Break
10:15	Module 3: Vision Screening and Evaluation
12:00 pm	Lunch (provided)
1:00	Module 4: Vision Screening and Evaluation (cont.)
2:00	Module 5: Compensatory Post-Screening Interventions
3:00	Break
3:15	Module 6: Treatment Overview
4:15	Q & A
4:30 pm	Adjourn

DAY 2: SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

7:30 am	Registration and Breakfast
8:00	Module 7: Oculomotor
9:00	Module 8: Visual Motor
10:00	Break
10:15	Module 9: Vestibular
11:00	Module 10: Convergence
11:45	Lunch (provided)
12:45	Module 11: Scanning
1:45	Module 12: Visual Analysis and Pre-Driving
2:45	Break
3:00	Module 13: Goal Writing
4:00	Q & A, Wrap-up
4:30 pm	Adjourn



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Wake AHEC CEU: Wake AHEC will provide 1.4 CEU to participants upon completion of this activity.

A participant must attend 100% of each day to receive credit. Partial credit will not be awarded.

Contact Hours: Wake AHEC will provide up to 14.0 Contact Hours to participants.



Registration Fees

- **WakeMed Employee Fee** - \$350
- **Non-WakeMed Employee Fee** - \$450
- Vouchers will be accepted.
- Fee will include online handouts and certificate of completion.
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided both days.
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