“As an O.T. working in the area of low vision, enrolling in the UAB graduate certificate course was one of the best professional decisions I have made. The courses are very well conceived, having a network of other low vision O.T.’s for discussion and support is wonderful, and it has given me a great framework for O.T. practice in this specialty area. I would highly recommend this program to any O.T. considering work or already working in low vision rehabilitation.”
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OT 677 Foundation in Low Vision Rehabilitation I (3 hours)
Introduces the field of low vision rehabilitation and addresses core knowledge required for the subsequent courses.
**TOPICS INCLUDE:** demographics of low vision; settings and reimbursement; anatomy of the eye and visual system; medical conditions causing low vision; psychosocial adjustment to vision impairment; communication and health literacy; administration and interpretation of low vision exams and environmental assessment and modification.

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OT 679 Foundations in Low Vision Rehabilitation II (3 hours)
Focuses on intervention strategies to improve occupational performance. Students learn to use information from evaluations to design appropriate interventions.
**TOPICS INCLUDE:** optics and prescribed optical devices, visual skills training, assistive technology, computer modification, reading, writing.

SECOND YEAR
FALL
OT 690 Foundations in Low Vision Rehabilitation III (3 hours)
Focuses on intervention strategies to improve occupational performance. Students learn to use information from evaluations to design appropriate interventions.
**TOPICS INCLUDE:** Activities of daily living with and without vision, functional mobility, diabetes self-management and driving.

SPRING
OT 689 Foundations in Treatment of Visual Impairment from Brain Injury (3 hours)
Focuses on adults experiencing occupational limitations due to visual processing impairment from acquired brain injury.
**TOPICS INCLUDE:** visual system neuroanatomy; evaluation and intervention for deficits in visual acuity and focusing; hemianopsia; oculomotor impairment; hemi-inattention and neglect.

SUMMER
OT 691 Foundations in Low Vision Rehabilitation IV (3 hours)
Focuses on ensuring the student is prepared for practice. Students must attend an intensive 2-day seminar on campus to review/demonstrate competence in evaluation and intervention.

Estimated Expenses 2016-2017
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- Kits/books $400 approximately

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