Top Reasons to Get the UAB Low Vision Rehabilitation Certificate

- Our instructors are nationally recognized experts in vision rehabilitation.
- Our flexible online format allows you to fit coursework into your schedule 24/7.
- The coursework allows you to fulfill your roles at work and home while receiving a first class education.
- You receive affordable tuition, no matter where you live.
- We focus on clinical application—you will learn something new every week that you can immediately use with your clients.
- We prepare you to address vision impairment from age-related eye disease AND acquired brain injury.
- You can get the tools you need to start and market a low vision program.
- You develop a close network of colleagues to consult with after you have graduated.
- We prepare you to apply for AOTA low vision credentialing as a SCLV.
- Combine the certificate with our online post professional masters and complete both degrees with just 18 additional hours.

The Graduate Certificate will enable you to...

- Become a specialist in low vision rehabilitation.
- Enter one of the top emerging OT practice areas.
- Expand your clinical skills.
- Improve client outcomes in older adults and adults with brain injury.

To find out more about the program:

Visit: www.uab.edu/low vision
Or contact us:
Department of Occupational Therapy
Telephone: 205-975-6860
E-mail: lvrcert@uab.edu

Application

Visit our website and click on “how to apply”. Application deadlines: June 15 for fall semester cohort (August start); October 15 for spring semester cohort (January start). Early application is recommended to ensure acceptance into the desired cohort.
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LOW VISION REHABILITATION CURRICULUM
Two cohort options are available: one entering in the fall; the other entering the spring semester.
Each core course is 3 graduate credit hours.
The courses must be completed sequentially in the order shown.

CORE COURSES

677-Foundation in Low Vision Rehabilitation I. Introduces the field of low vision rehabilitation and provides core knowledge for subsequent courses. Topics: settings and reimbursement for OT services, eye anatomy, eye diseases/conditions, low vision assessment, health literacy, psychosocial adjustment, visual skills training.


691-Foundations in Low Vision Rehabilitation IV. This capstone course focuses on applying knowledge learned to practice. Students discuss policy and regulation, leadership, advocacy, professional development and attend a 3-day on campus intensive to review and practice key evaluations and interventions and complete practicums in diabetes self-management and optical devices/assistive technology.

*Each core course is 3 graduate credit hours (15 graduate credit hours total)

ELECTIVE COURSES (optional 2 credit courses)

693-Design and Implementation of LVR Programs in the Healthcare System. Students learn strategies for developing and marketing low vision rehabilitation programs reimbursed by medical insurance. Topics: developing a business plan, billing and Medicare regulations, and marketing programs.

695-Foundations in Treatment of Visual Impairment from Brain Injury II. Building on OT 689, students hone ability to select evaluations and interventions for clients with visual processing impairment from brain injury. Topics: create decision trees and complete a series of case analyses.

### Fall cohort
- 1st fall semester Foundations I
- 1st spring semester Foundations II
- 1st summer semester Foundations III
- 2nd fall semester Foundations Brain Injury
- 2nd spring semester OPEN may take elective

### Spring cohort
- 1st spring semester Foundations I
- 1st summer semester Foundations II
- 1st fall semester Foundations III
- 2nd spring semester Foundations Brain Injury
- May take elective 693
- 2nd summer semester Foundations IV

*Courses must be completed sequentially in the order shown

**Estimated Expenses**

Tuition and fees are subject to change at the beginning of any term. Student pays for one 3 credit hour course per semester at the in-state tuition rate for School of Health Professions graduate level courses.

Find current tuition rates at: [http://www.uab.edu/shp/home/admissions-tuition/tuition/tuition-fees](http://www.uab.edu/shp/home/admissions-tuition/tuition/tuition-fees)

Kits/books: $400 approximately for entire program.

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