

Graduate Certificate in  
**Low Vision  
Rehabilitation**



**"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."**

— Mary Ruff, Golden Valley, MN

**"I was working 40 hours a week when I started the program and also became a new mother during the program... I appreciated the flexibility of not having to sit in a classroom and to be able to work on assignments and take exams when it was convenient for me."**

— Elsa Zavoda, Eidson, NJ

**"The material covered in this program is extremely beneficial in my daily clinical practice and the workload is reasonable for the full-time working OT."**

— Lisa Puleo, Atlanta, GA

**UAB Low Vision:  
Learn Today.  
Implement Tomorrow.**

Learn clinical applications today. Implement your knowledge at work tomorrow. Every week you will learn something new to help your clients.

Don't miss family time. Don't miss work.

Your time is valuable. Your needs are immediate. We created the UAB Low Vision Rehabilitation Graduate Certificate just for you.

Build your skills. Build your confidence. Tailor your learning around your schedule no matter where you live. You only need five classes to earn your UAB Low Vision Rehabilitation Graduate Certificate.

**Affordable. Flexible. Online.**

**Application Process**

Visit our website and click on "how to apply". Early application is recommended to ensure acceptance into the desired cohort.

**Application Deadlines:**

June 15 Fall Cohort (August start)

**Contact Information**

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# Low Vision Rehabilitation Curriculum

Total Credits 15 credits

## FIRST YEAR

### FALL

#### **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.

### SPRING

#### **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

(Subject to change at the beginning of any term)

### Online Courses:

Tuition per semester (3 credit hours)	\$1702
Technology fee	\$250
Kits/books	\$400 approximately

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