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Course Title: Geriatrics 216

Course Subtitle: Occupational Therapy Interventions for Older Adults with Low Vision

Course Source: Occupational Therapy with Aging Adults: Promoting Quality of Life Through Collaborative Practice by Karen Barney and Margaret Perkinson

Source Description: Look no further for the book that provides the information essential for successful practice in the rapidly growing field of gerontological occupational therapy! Occupational Therapy with Aging Adults is a new, comprehensive text edited by OT and gerontological experts Karen Frank Barney and Margaret Perkinson that takes a unique interdisciplinary and collaborative approach in covering every major aspects of geriatric gerontological occupational therapy practice. With 30 chapters written by 70 eminent leaders in gerontology and OT, this book covers the entire continuum of care for the aging population along with special considerations for this rapidly growing demographic. This innovative text also covers topical issues spanning the areas of ethical approaches to treatment; nutrition and oral health concerns; pharmacological issues; low vision interventions; assistive technology supports; and more to ensure readers are well versed in every aspect of this key practice area. Includes Intra-professional and interprofessional approach to intervention, case studies and more!

Target Audience: OT, OTAs

Course Length: 2 hours

Educational Level: Introductory, Intermediate, Advanced

The course is written at the intermediate level, but learners of all levels will benefit from the information.

Course Objectives:

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- Define low vision
- Identify diseases and conditions associated with low vision in older adults
- Distinguish low vision from the typical vision changes associated with aging
- Understand the function and components of vision
- Identify components of low-vision evaluation
- Understand how lighting, magnification, contrast, and working distance affect function
- Identify strategies to improve the use of remaining vision for everyday tasks and occupations
- Be familiar with referral sources to support older adults with low vision

- Describe opportunities available for professional development for low-vision practice

Outline of Content:

Hour #1

Functional Performance and Low Vision
 Low Vision versus Age-Related Changes in Vision
 Function and Conditions of the Eye
 Physiology of Vision
 Pathology of Low-Vision Impairments
 Conditions Causing Low-Vision Impairments
 Macular Degeneration
 Diabetic Retinopathy
 Glaucoma
 Cataracts
 Stroke
 Occupational Therapy Assessment and Intervention
 Occupational Therapy Assessment
 Occupational Profile
 Evaluation of Visual Factors
 Assessment of Visual Acuity at a Distance
 Assessment of Reading Acuity for Near Vision
 Peripheral Field Testing
 Contrast Sensitivity
 Scotoma Assessment

Hour #2

Amsler Grid
 Tangent Screen Test
 Clock Face Test
 Reading Assessment for Reading Speed
 Evaluation of Environmental Factors
 Evaluation of Occupational Performance
 Intervention
 Client and Family Education
 Use of Optical and Nonoptical Devices
 Application of Low-Vision Rehabilitation Strategies
 Lighting Strategies
 Contrast Strategies
 Scanning Strategies
 Functional Mobility Strategies
 Eccentric Viewing Strategies
 Magnification Strategies
 Professional Issues in Low Vision
 Professional Development

Reimbursement Summary

Instructional Methods and Formats:

Online course available 24/7 at www.OnlineCE.com includes PDF downloadable course. See course formats for additional details.

Course Completion Requirements:

A minimum passing score of 100% is required for course completion. You will have as many attempts as needed until your passing score of 100% is achieved. Upon successful completion of course, you will receive your certificate of completion and AOTA eligible CEUs.

AOTA Classification Codes:

Category 1: Domain of OT

Category 2: Occupational Therapy Process

Category 3: Professional Issues

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