



## PRESENTS THE 155<sup>TH</sup> PRACTICUM

Sunday February 26, 2017

**Western University of Health Sciences - College of Optometry**

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (5 Hr. CE)

### **Three Blind Men and an Elephant: Post Brain-Injury Vision Rehabilitation** **Penelope Suter, O.D., FCOVD, FNORA**

Because of the publicity of brain injury from concussion in sports and the wars in the Middle East, there is a heightened awareness of the risk for brain injury and its associated sequelae among the public and medical professionals. The evaluation and treatment of Post Trauma Vision Syndrome is becoming more routine among Vision Therapy specialists. Neuro specialists, Physiatrists and Physical Therapists involved in traumatic brain injury are aware of the power and success of vision rehabilitation in such cases and will frequently refer for this specialized care for their patients. It's an inevitability, if not already, that you will be faced with a child or adult with a recent history of brain injury or debilitating neurological condition.

This seminar will highlight how vision therapy became an accepted medical treatment protocol in the field of post brain-injury rehabilitation. Neurological pathways and processes will be discussed to help you develop a model of integrating current medical knowledge with foundational optometric principles. Dr. Suter will discuss: Symptomology and vision deficits related to post-concussion syndrome will be discussed. The relationship between oculomotor control and spatial perception. Being aware of the multiple etiologies in dealing with balance, dizziness and disorientation symptoms. How to screen, diagnose, treat and knowing when to refer.

Dr. Penelope Suter graduated from U.C. Berkeley College of Optometry in 1984. She is a Fellow in the College of Optometrists in Vision Development and a Fellow in the Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association. She has a specialty practice with a strong emphasis in neuro-optometric rehabilitation, as well as infant vision development, vision and learning, and special needs vision care. She has published multiple articles on vision, and, with coeditor Dr. Lisa Harvey, the book *Vision Rehabilitation: multidisciplinary care of the patient following brain injury*.

#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT: 5 HOURS**

**TIME/LOCATION:** 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Lecture, WUCO  
12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM Lunch provided by The Studt Foundation  
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Lecture

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**REGISTRATION:** OPTOMETRISTS, VT ASSISTANTS, VISION THERAPISTS:

**FEES:** STUDENTS: \$10.00 / THERAPISTS & ASSISTANTS: \$25.00 / OPTOMETRISTS: \$45.00

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