

OptimEyes Optometry | Job Ad

Position: Vision Therapist

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About Us

OptimEyes Optometry (Frenchs Forest) provides caring and comprehensive vision care. We are a rapidly growing, independent Behavioural Optometrist practice providing vision care focused upon neuro-optometry and vision therapy, guiding visual development and providing visual rehabilitation. Our Behavioural Optometrist's treatments include glasses, prisms, tints and Vision Therapy. Patients with learning difficulties, concussion and brain injury benefit from our care to improve function and reduce symptoms related to their injury.

At OptimEyes Optometry, we are looking for a Full time or Part time (3 days) vision therapist to join our team in delivering office-based vision training programs. The successful candidate will receive hands on practical in office training with the goal of obtaining accreditation as a Vision therapist. Click [here](#) to find out more about Vision Therapy and how Vision Therapy addresses a number of visual skills.

Clinical Duties – Vision Therapy

As a Vision Therapist, you will provide patient training and guidance through comprehensive neuro-optometric vision therapy programs to help improve vision problems from amblyopia (lazy eye), strabismus (eye turns), traumatic and acquired brain injuries, concussions and visually related learning problems.

You will work directly with children and adults who have trouble reading, playing sport, or performing academically due to poor visual skills.

We emphasise compassionate, high-quality care through a comprehensive, thorough, and individualised vision therapy regimen resulting in improved performance and visual developmental abilities and skills, which result in improved quality of life outcomes.

The Vision Therapist plays a key role to:

- Assist patients by providing instruction on visual training exercises as directed by the optometrist
- Monitor progress to provide feedback to the optometrist
- Provide explanations of the program being prescribed by the optometrist
- Make follow up calls to patients
- Assist in written communications to patients
- Assist in Vision Therapy consults
- Developing their own professional knowledge
- Share their expertise across all other therapists thereby developing the knowledge of other therapists resulting in a better patient experience

As an experienced Vision Therapist you will also assist the optometrist developing future programs for patients, and as required assist in training and supervising other therapists.

General Administrative and Clerical Duties

All staff will be cross-trained in practice areas of reception and customer service. Duties will include:

- Making and scheduling appointments using the practice management software system
- Reception and administrative duties (e.g., scanning, emailing)
- Answering phone enquiries
- Managing patient appointments
- Monitoring of the waiting room, light cleaning, disinfecting, and tidying duties
- Providing assistance and support to the optometrist and vision therapy staff members

Skills and Experience

Essential	Beneficial
• >2 years' experience in training, teaching or directing adults and/or children as a teacher or a therapist • Demonstrated experience in coaching and developing peers • Demonstrated ability to motivate others within a team • Demonstrated excellence in customer service, verbal and written communication skills • Strong organisational and planning skills • Administrative and clerical support experience	• Experience helping people with learning difficulties • Experience in paediatric vision therapy • Affiliation to a professional body (eg ACBO Australasian College of Behavioural Optometrists) • More years of experience than the Essential minimums • College diploma or a University Degree • Knowledge of the binocular visual system and its intricacies • Experience in an Optometry or medical practice • Current CPR certification (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)

Key Competencies

Essential	Beneficial
• A happy and positive person • Self-motivated learner with an aptitude for learning and motivation to continually improve oneself • Willing to take instruction from the optometrist regarding patient care and treatment. • Interest in obtaining ACBO VT certification • Ability to work independently as needed • Strong organisational skills • Professional personal presentation • Reliability and punctuality • Strong interpersonal skills with children and adults of all ages and types • Must have patience, compassion and decision making flexibility • Competent in using Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint	• Interest in obtaining ACBO certification

Benefits

Work in a varied and stimulating environment. Grow and develop your skills as we collaborate on many of our patients, sharing knowledge and experience growing personally, whilst doing all we can to provide the best care for our patients. Receive training, support and guidance on technical knowledge and people skills working with a leader in the eyecare field helping people improve their vision.

- Continuing Education days off
- Reimbursement for Certifications
- Supported Conference attendance
- Teaching opportunities
- Opportunities for clinical expertise and specialties (eg VT for adults or paediatrics)

What is VT?

Vision Therapy is a progressive program of vision procedures performed under optometrist supervision, individualised to fit the visual needs of each patient. Generally conducted in-office, in once- or twice-weekly sessions of 30 minutes to an hour, oftentimes with homework

What does VT use?

Therapeutic lenses, prisms, filters, Occluders or patches, electronic targets with timing mechanisms, balance boards, and a variety of special tools designed for specific and unique vision therapy activities

What is the goal of VT?

To help patients develop or improve fundamental visual skills and abilities, improve visual comfort, ease, and efficiency, and change how a patient processes or interprets visual information