



**PRESENTS IT'S 136TH PRACTICUM ON
BEHAVIORAL/DEVELOPMENTAL OPTOMETRY/VISUAL THERAPY
Sunday February 26, 2012
Southern California College of Optometry**

**Meeting the Vision Needs of the Patient with
Autism Spectrum Disorder
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Patients with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) often have visual symptoms that go undiagnosed or untreated due to the social, communication and sensory challenges of the condition. This seminar will provide an overview to the optometrist's role in providing comprehensive vision care to these patients. Multidisciplinary considerations in detection, referral, and diagnosis of ASD will be described. Common treatments and early intervention for ASD will be described.

Optometric management of vision problems in ASD will be described including evaluation, treatment, and referral. Highlights of vision research in autism will be covered. Supports and modifications for examination procedures as well as vision therapy and rehabilitation will be described. Strategies for working with nonverbal and tactile defensive patients will be discussed. Therapeutic procedures and activities will be detailed. Case presentations and video clips will illustrate common clinical challenges. Finally, we will conclude by discussing how optometrists can help families find community resources for their child.

Dr. Rachel Coulter is a graduate of Pennsylvania College of Optometry where she also completed her Residency in Pediatric Optometry and Vision Therapy. She is currently Associate Professor at the Nova College of Optometry where she is a Clinical Preceptor in the Pediatric Optometry Clinic and Residency Supervisor for Pediatric and Primary Care. She is a Fellow of COVD and AAO as well as a Diplomate of Binocular Vision and Perception. She has been involved in numerous publications on the visual needs of patients with Autism, the CITT Study Group, Head Trauma, and other studies, lectures, and publications on children's vision and vision therapy.

Please join us for this exciting lecture that will help you in managing the vision needs of Autism cases in your office.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT: 5 HOURS

TIME/LOCATION: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Lecture-Academic Center-SCCO
12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM Lunch- Student Lounge
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Lecture- Academic Center

REGISTRATION: OPTOMETRISTS, VT ASSISTANTS, VISION THERAPISTS:
Complete the registration card & mail it with your check to:

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FEES: STUDENTS: \$5.00 / THERAPISTS & ASSISTANTS: \$25.00 / OPTOMETRISTS: \$40.00
Lunch will be provided by the Studt Foundation

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IMPLEMENTING BEHAVIORAL VISION CARE INTO ONE'S PRACTICE PROVIDES YET ANOTHER EFFECTIVE TREATMENT MODALITY IN ADDRESSING THE VISUAL PROBLEMS THAT ARE COMMON IN TODAY'S HIGHLY VISUAL WORK ENVIRONMENT.

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