

## ACCV Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How long is the course?

The Advanced Certificate in Children's Vision course is a six monthly course commencing the end of January and concluding the first week of July. It entails 17 weeks of online lectures (spaced out one/week) with supporting videos and reading matter. Candidates are able to view the lectures multiple times.

This is followed by 20 hours of clinical placements over a 4 week period during which time a logbook of 20 hours placement.

### 2. How many hours of study in addition to the lectures am I supposed to do?

We recommend about another 20 hours of additional reading and viewing of supporting You tube videos.

### 3. Who organizes the clinical placements?

Candidates are required to organize their own clinical placements. Some candidates choose to work with just one paediatric ophthalmologist, others choose to take their placements at more than place. We encourage candidates to find their own placements as it offers them the opportunity to build an ongoing working relationship with paediatric specialists. Any charges ophthalmologists charge for hosting clinical placements are the candidate's responsibility.

### 4. What if I don't know any local paediatric ophthalmologists or I work in rural/remote Australia/New Zealand with little chance to see a paediatric ophthalmologist?

The ACO offers up to 3 x 4-hour sessions at our Paediatric clinic. These are at a cost. There may also be the possibility of undertaking some/all sessions at a children's hospital. Please speak to the ACO if you are having difficulty arranging clinical placements.

### 5. What assessments are involved in the Children's Vision Certificate Course?

The assessments include

- One, 3-hour online exam, (60% of the total mark). This is an open book exam of multi-choice questions on a set date, set time. Candidates are **required** to make themselves available for this exam date and time.
- 2 x case studies (30% of the total mark)
- Forum contribution (10% of the total mark). Contributions to topics posed on the forum are assessed.
- 2 x critical appraisal papers (pass required)
- 2 x case studies (pass required). These are to be cases taken from your time during clinical placements
- Log book (pass required). Log book of hours spent covering Special Conditions list. This includes performing some techniques oneself and the observation of treatment of some conditions by a paediatric ophthalmologist.

### 6. How many continuing professional development points can I earn?

The ACO's ACCV is accredited for 68 CPD points in Australia and 40CD points in New Zealand.

### 7. Are these uploaded/advised to OA/NZAO?

Notification of successful completion of CPD events is notified to the respective authority – Optometry Australia (for those who report their CPD through OA) and NZAO.