



Australian College of Optometry's Advanced Certificate in Children's Vision

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How long is the course?

The Advanced Certificate in Children's Vision course is a six month course commencing at 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 whenever they like.

This is followed by 20 hours of clinical placements over a 4 week period during which time a logbook of clinical experience is detailed and submitted at the conclusion of the course.

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

We recommend approximately another 20 hours of additional reading.

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 or optometrist, 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?

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| 1. Final Exam | (55%) |
| 2. Participation in forums | (5%) |
| 3. Diagnoses and Management of Cases | (10%) |
| 4. Case Reports | (30%) |
| 5. Critical Appraisal Assessment | Pass/Fail (A Pass is required) |
| 6. Clinical Experience Logbook | Pass/Fail (A Pass is required) |

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.