

# Alyssa L. Parz, OD, FCOVD

Partner  
Developmental Optometrist, Wow Vision Therapy  
Board Certified in Vision Therapy and Rehabilitation  
Michigan License: 4901004973  
Certified in Diagnostic/Therapeutic Agents

## Education

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**Illinois College of Optometry** **August 2011-May 2015**

Doctor of Optometry  
Cumulative GPA: 3.91/4.0

**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign** **August 2008-May 2011**

Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology

## Clinical Experience

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**Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired-Charleston, SC** **October 2015-July 2016**

-Performed complete eye exams on preschool students that have failed vision screenings in the Charleston, SC area

**Illinois Eye Institute/Chicago Lighthouse -Chicago, IL** **August 2012-May 2015**

-Primary Care, Cornea/Contact Lens, Pediatrics, Low Vision Clinical Experience Fall 2012-Spring 2014

**Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital/Loyola Hospital- Hines, IL** **November 2014- February 2015**

-Primary Care Clinical Experience at Hines VA Hospital  
-Pediatrics/Specialty Contact Lens Clinical experience at Loyola Hospital

**OMNI Eye Services- Atlanta, GA** **August 2014-November 2014**

-Advanced Care/Ocular Disease Clinical Experience

**Draisin Vision Group- Charleston, SC** **May 2014-August 2014**

-Pediatrics/Binocular Vision and Primary Care Experience

**Chicago Public Schools Eye Clinic- Chicago, IL** **May 2013-August 2013**

-Performed complete eye exams on Chicago public school children between the ages of 4-18.

**Dr Robert Marini Summer Clerkship—Palos Heights, IL** **June 2012-August 2012**

-Summer clerkship coursework in Dr. Marini's private practice specializing in pediatrics/vision therapy.

## Work Experience

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**Wow Vision Therapy- Grand Rapids, MI** **July 2016-Present**

-Partner, Developmental Optometrist

**Adjunct Clinical Professor at Southern College of Optometry** **July 2020-Present**

-Residency Director for Pediatrics/Binocular Vision Resident at Wow Vision Therapy

**Adjunct Clinical Professor at Illinois College of Optometry****May 2017-Present**

-Externship Director for 4<sup>th</sup> year optometry students at Wow Vision Therapy

**Pediatrics/Vision Therapy Residency at Draisin Vision Group-Charleston, SC****July 2015-July 2016**

-Completed pediatrics/vision rehabilitation residency through The Southern College of Optometry

**Teaching Assistant at Illinois College of Optometry- Chicago, IL****Aug 2013-February 2014**

- TA for optometry courses: Human Anatomy, Ocular Anatomy, Ocular Physiology, Optometry skills

**Dr. Rodney Johnson Neuroscience Research Lab- Champaign, IL****August 2009-May 2011**

- Helped perform research on the regulation of inflammatory cytokines in the brain

**Dr. Sookyong Koh Neurology Research Lab- Chicago, IL****May 2011-August 2011**

-Summer research assistant in Dr. Koh's neurology research lab at Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.

**Achievements**

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- Voted Top Pediatric Eye Doctor in Grand Rapids, MI 2020 and 2021
- Board Certified in Vision Therapy and Rehabilitation (College of Optometrists in Vision Development) 2019
- Completion of Pediatrics/Vision rehabilitation Residency Program through Southern College of Optometry 2016
- Summa Cum Laude Graduate of The Illinois College of Optometry 2015
- Dean's List Illinois College of Optometry 2011-2015
- Honors in Clinic at Illinois College of Optometry 2013, 2014, 2015
- Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Society 2012-2015
- Tomb and Key Honor Society 2012-2015
- Katz Scholar award from Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago 2009

**Publications**

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Parz, A. (2019). Use Your Brain – Concussion Therapy – An Active Call to Action. *Vision Development and Rehabilitation*, 5(3), 210-211. Retrieved 2019, from <http://pubs.covd.org/VDR/issue5-3/index.html>

Fortenbacher, D., Parz, A., Dornbos, B., & Tran, T., (2018). Vision Therapy and Virtual Reality Applications, In *Advances in Ophthalmology and Optometry* (Vol.2 pp. 39-59), Philadelphia, PA: Elsevier.

**Professional Organizations**

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- Board Certified Fellow in College of Optometrists in Vision Development
- Member Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association
- Member American Optometric Association
- Member of Michigan Optometric Association
- Member of West Michigan Optometric Association