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**Certified in Diagnostic/Therapeutic Agents**

## **EDUCATION**

Michigan's College of Optometry at Ferris State University  
Doctor of Optometry - 1979

Board certified in vision development and vision therapy by the International Board of Examiners of the College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD) – 1987

Clinical Professor, Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University- 2009  
Adjunct Clinical Professor, Southern College of Optometry, Accredited Private Practice Residency- 2011

## **PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

Founder, *Wow Vision Therapy*

Over 40 years specializing in behavioral/developmental/rehabilitative optometry and vision therapy.

## **REHABILITATION CARE:**

Vision consultant to acute care medical facility providing diagnostic and visual rehabilitation programs to traumatic brain injured and related disabled/handicapped patients:

- \*The Rehabilitation Institute at Tri-State Hospital, Buchanan, Michigan - 1988 to 1996
- \*Watervliet Community Rehab at Watervliet Hospital, Watervliet, Michigan - 1993 to 1999

## **LECTURER:**

Rehabilitation teams, physicians, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech therapists

- Post Traumatic Vision Syndrome
- Vision and Learning
- Vision Rehabilitation for those following a neurological event
- VISUAL PROCESSING AND THERAPY...The Integration of Visual Efficiency and Processing and its Impact on Individuals with Sensory Processing Disorders, ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, and Acquired Brain Injury

Optometry's Meetings

- The Impact of Concussion on Vision - Effective Treatment with Neuro Optometric Vision Rehabilitation—COPE: 49734-NO
- Advanced Amblyopia Treatment for Faster and Better Outcomes in Primary Care Optometry – COPE:43551-FV
- Neuro-Optometry for the Primary Care OD – COPE: 65335-FV

## **LEADERSHIP:**

President Southwest Michigan Optometric Society 1981-1983  
State Director, College of Optometrists in Vision Development 1987-1993  
Chairperson, COVD Clinical Standards Committee 1989-1993  
Chairperson, VisionHelp Group 1997- Present  
Chairperson, Michigan Vision Therapy Study Group 1997-present  
Midwest Regional Director, Board of directors of College of Optometrists in Vision Development 1993-1996  
Treasurer, College of Optometrists in Vision Development 1996-1997  
Examiner, International Examination and Certification Board of COVD 1999-2004  
Vice President, College of Optometrists in Vision Development 2004-2005  
President-Elect, College of Optometrists in Vision Development 2005-2007  
President, College of Optometrists in Vision Development 2007-2008  
President, St. Joseph Lions Club 2006-2007

## **Recognition:**

2020 COVD G.N. Getman Award

## **Publications:**

Fortenbacher, D., Bartolini, 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**

Member American Optometric Association – 1978 - present  
Member Optometric Extension Program Foundation – 1978 - present  
Member College of Optometrists in Vision Development – 1981- present  
Member Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association – 1996 - present  
Member, Co-Founder VisionHelp Group 1988- Present