



College of Optometrists in Vision Development Awards Board Certification

Aurora, OH-College of Optometrists in Vision Development welcomed 36 new Certified Optometric Vision Therapists (COVT) and 27 Fellows (FCOVD) and 3 Academic Fellows (FCOVD-A) of the College of Optometrists in Vision Development. The newly certified will participate in the formal induction at the 50th Annual Installation and Induction Banquet to be held in Denver, Colorado on April 16, 2021.

To become a Fellow (FCOVD), the doctor must have graduated from an Accreditation Council for Optometric Education (ACOE)-accredited institution; been in active clinical practice for at least three years, at least two of which have included the direct diagnosis and management of vision therapy patients; completed 100 hours of relevant CE or a relevant residency program; successfully completed the guided study portion of the process set forth by International Examination and Certification Board (IECB) which includes 3 case reports and 6 open book questions as prescribed by the Fellowship Candidate Guide; and successfully completed the oral and written examinations according to the established criteria of the IECB.

This year, COVD welcomed the following new Fellows:

Rima G. Bakhru, OD, FCOVD

Jennifer M. Ceonzo, OD, FCOVD

Angelina Cerny, OD, FCOVD

Jason Kim Chan, OD, FCOVD

Mark E Curtis, OD, FCOVD

Kimberly Hamian Ferraro, OD, FCOVD

Alicia Groce, OD, FCOVD

David A. Hackett, OD, FCOVD

Katilyn Hash, OD, FCOVD

Geoffrey A. Heddle, OD, FCOVD

Stacy J. Hill, OD, FCOVD

Kristel Nicole Jefferies, OD, FCOVD

Riyad Khamis, OD, FCOVD



Howard Kushner, OD, FCOVD

Anna Lammers, OD, FCOVD

Alison Leung, OD, FCOVD

Grzegorz Lewicki, MSc, FCOVD

Shaina Nensi, OD, FCOVD

Lianne M. Pino, OD, FCOVD

Kristen Robinson, OD, FCOVD

Jenna Rogers, OD, FCOVD

Grace M. Salone, OD, FCOVD

Vesna Simic, OD, FCOVD

Andrea Taddese, OD, FCOVD

Noah M. Tannen, OD, FCOVD

Pavanjeet Ubhi, OD, FCOVD

Stuart B. Young, OD, FCOVD

The Academic Fellowship (FCOVD-A) is awarded to candidates who submit 10 authored and published works related to the advancement and education of vision therapy. Once reviewed, Academic Fellow candidates must also complete an Oral Interview to be awarded Fellowship. COVD welcomed the following 3 Academic Fellows:

Jinhua Bao, PhD, FCOVD-A

Yuwen Wang, MD, FCOVD-A

Jiawei Zhou, PhD, FCOVD-A

To become a Certified Optometric Vision Therapist (COVT), an individual must work for a determined number of eligibility in office hours and must be employed by or under the direct supervision of an optometrist who has completed a fellowship (FCOVD) with the COVD International Examination and Certification Board (IECB), complete a guided study process that includes 9 open book questions, and pass a written exam and an oral interview administered by the IECB. The certification process provides an opportunity for optometric vision



therapists to expand their knowledge and skills in providing vision care as related to development and behavior in optometric vision therapy.

This year COVD welcomed the following new Certified Optometric Vision Therapists:

Tammy Alberico, COVT

Michelle Ann Amaya, COVT

Jessica Bailey, COVT

Laura Booth, COVT

Rebecca Carroll, COVT

Christina M. Causland, COVT

Amber Marie Ceder, COVT

Cierra J. Clark, COVT

Tara L. Crawford, COVT

Devon de Simone, COVT

Aimee Edwards, COVT

Kristen Faust, COVT

Vicki Ann Flowers, COVT

Joelle Foster, COVT

Tama Fox, COVT

Kristen Ann Fuhriman, COVT

Melissa Garza, COVT

Victoria Giampaolo-Consiglio, COVT

Marina Guindy, COVT

DaNelle Hackney, COVT

Tammy Harman-Siebel, COVT

Stephanie R. Hebdon, COVT

Kristine Keyse Augaitis, COVT

Monica, Sickels, COVT

Bianca Lauzon, COVT



Taylor S. Longo, COVT

Sara Mohr, COVT

Melody Moore, COVT

Leslie Muto, COVT

Jordan Ann Parker, COVT

Priscilla Marie Rosario, COVT

Sarah Scheau, COVT

David A. Skipper, COVT

Kathy Sutherland, COVT

Sandra Todd, COVT

Kristen Turner, COVT

The College of Optometrists in Vision Development extends a thank you to all of the mentors and employers of the candidates as well as huge congratulations to all of the newly certified FCOVDs, FCOVD-As and COVTs!

For more information about certification, please visit <https://www.covd.org/page/certification>.

About COVD

The College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD) is an international, non-profit optometric membership organization that provides education, evaluation, and board certification programs in behavioral and developmental vision care, optometric vision therapy, and visual rehabilitation. The organization is comprised of doctors of optometry, vision therapists, and other vision specialists. For more information please visit www.covd.org.

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