## The Vision-Motor Connection: Influences on Rehabilitation in Children & Adults

## **About the Speakers**

William V. Padula, O.D., F.A.A.O., F.N.O.R. is a graduate of Pennsylvania College of Optometry and is a fellow of both the American Academy of Optometry and the Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association. Dr. Padula was the founding chairman of the American Optometric Association Low Vision Section and founding president of the Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association, International. Dr. Padula's extensive research resulted in his discovery of Post Trauma Vision Syndrome and Visual Midline Shift Syndrome. He has authored three books and numerous articles and has consulted and lectured extensively throughout the United States and abroad. He is currently the director of the Padula Institute of Vision in Guilford, Connecticut.

Raquel M. Benabib, M.S., COVT holds a Masters Degree in Educational Psychology from Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico and is a certified optometric vision therapist. She holds NDT certification in pediatric and baby treatment as well as in the treatment of adult hemiplegia. She is currently administrative director of Centro de Desorollo de Cuernavaca, Mexico. She has studied extensively under a number of developmental optometrists and has developed a unique approach to vision training that is effective in improving functional vision skills in children with a range of disabilities. Ms. Benabib lectures throughout Mexico, South America and the United States, assisting therapists and teachers in the process of incorporating vision training into their rehabilitation and educational programs. Ms. Benabib is a recipient of the Advancement in Science Award from the Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association (NORA), and received recognition as Psychologist of the Year in Mexico in 2005 by the Alumni Association of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico.

Christine A. Nelson, Ph.D., OTR FAOTA, NDT Coordinator Instructor is Clinical Director at Centro de Desorollo, Cuernavaca, Mexico. Dr. Nelson holds a degree in occupational therapy from Virginia Commonwealth University, a Masters from the University of Wisconsin, and a Doctorate from the University of Maryland. Ms. Nelson is a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association, teaches the basic NDT 8 week pediatric course and the advanced baby course. She is a recipient of the Bobath Award of Excellence from the Neurodevelopmental Treatment Association (NDTA) and the Advancement in Science Award from the Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association (NORA). She is internationally recognized for her teaching and clinical expertise.

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Vision & Anatomy
Function and Performance
The Visual Process
Vision & Development
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Disc 2 (Parts 3 & 4)
Vision & Postural Orientation
Head & Neck Relationship to Visual Space
Post Trauma Vision Syndrome
Head & Neck Relationships to Visual Space
Visual Midline Shift Syndrome
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Total Time Disc 2 (2 hours)
Disc 3 (Parts 5 & 6)
Visual Midline Shift Syndrome cont
Midline Orientation for Movement & Balance
The Visual Vestibular/Proprioception Connection
Aspects of Functional Vision Screening
Total Time Disc 3 (1 hour 54 min.)
Disc 4 (Parts 7 & 8)
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Visual Midline Shift Syndrome continued
Strategies for Influencing Visual-Postural Responses
Issues in Binocularity
Experiencing Ambient & Focal Processing
Intervention Strategies
Total Time Disc 4 (1 hour 59 min.)
Disc 5 (Part 9)
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Summary of Postural Concepts
Total Time Disc 5 (1 hour 2 min.)
Time Granted for Video 9 hours

**Time Granted for Handouts 1 hour** 

**Total Time Granted: 10 Contact Hours/1.0 CEUs**