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## EDUCATION

Pacific University College of Optometry, Forest Grove, OR

Doctor of Optometry 2017

Pacific University College of Education, Forest Grove, OR

Masters of Education in Visual Function and Learning 2017

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

Bachelors of Science cum laude

Science Pre-Professional Studies and Psychology 2013

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Valley Vision Clinic

Neenah, WI 2018-2019

Primary care clinic, care of long-established patients, and new patients. Typical day involved primary care exams with or without contact lenses, pediatric exams, binocular vision exams and occasional low-vision and concussion/TBI patients. Coordinated care of TBI patients with local PT/OT/ST and physiatrists. Also provided vision therapy treatment for several TBI and strabismic patients.

Optometric Residency in Pediatrics and Neuro-Rehabilitative Care

Bright Eyes Vision Clinic, Otsego and Minnetonka, MN 2017-2018

Specializing in pediatrics, binocular vision, vision therapy, myopia control, and vision rehabilitation of traumatic brain injuries. Gained experience in referrals, coordinating care, and creating therapy plans.

Attended national and local meetings including Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association (NORA), College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD), Northwest Resident’s Conference, Minnesota Optometric Association meetings and Great Lakes Conference.

Optometric Externships

Alderwood Vision Therapy Center, Lynnwood, WA 2016

Specialty Clinic in Vision Therapy

Lexington VAMC, Lexington, KY 2016

Specialty Clinic emphasizing Ocular Disease

The Koetting Associates, St. Louis, MO 2016-2017

Specialty Clinic in Private Practice with emphasis on contact lenses

Blackfeet Community Hospital, Browning, MT 2017

Primary Care Clinic

Optometric Intern 2015 - 2016

Pacific University College of Optometry, Forest Grove, OR

Primary Care, Contact Lens, Ocular Disease, Pediatrics/Vision Therapy

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

College of Optometrists in Vision Development Meeting, Kansas City, MO 2019

Great Lakes Optometric Congress, Northbrook, IL 2019

Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association Conference, St. Louis, MO 2018

Northwest Resident’s Conference, Forest Grove, OR 2018

Minnesota Optometric Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN 2018

Great Lakes Optometric Congress, Northbrook, IL 2018

College of Optometrists in Vision Development Meeting, Bellevue, WA 2018

Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association Conference, Buffalo, NY 2017

## ELECTIVE CLASSES

Pediatric Ocular Disease and Disorders 2016

Vision-Related Learning Problems 2015

Neuro-Rehabilitative Optometry 2015

Nutritional Optometry 2015

## VISION SCREENINGS

Vision Screening Volunteer, Special Olympics, Wisconsin 2019

Vision Screening Volunteer, Special Olympics, Minneapolis, MN 2017, 2018

Vision Screening Volunteer, Opening Eyes Program, Tacoma, WA 2014, 2015, 2016

Vision Screening Volunteer, Community Outreach Center, Cornelius, OR 2015

Vision Screening Volunteer, Opening Eyes Program, Beaverton, OR 2015

Vision Screening Volunteer, Compassion Vancouver, Vancouver WA 2015

Vision Screening Volunteer, Vineyard, Forest Grove, OR 2014

Vision Screening Volunteer, Opening Eyes Program, Newbury, OR 2014

Vision Screening Volunteer, Cornelius Elementary, Cornelius, OR 2014

Vision Screening Volunteer, City View Charter School, Hillsboro, OR 2013

## AMIGOS VOSH SERVICE TRIPS

Costa Rica 2016

Performed vision screenings and basic vision care at established clinic sites in San Jose, Costa Rica with a team of other optometry students and doctors from Pacific University and The Child Well-Being Foundation.

Philippines 2015

Provided basic vision care and handed out donated glasses to the local population in small villages in the Philippines during a Spring Break Trip. Did 1 day of pediatric screenings.

Nicaragua 2014

Provided basic vision care to the local population in small villages in Nicaragua during a Spring Break trip.

## AFFLIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association, Member 2017 - Present

Wisconsin Optometric Association, Member, Wisconsin 2015 - Present

College of Optometrists in Vision Development, Member 2015 - Present

American Optometric Association, Member 2013 - Present

Minnesota Optometric Association, Member, Minnesota 2017 - 2018

Oregon Optometric Student Association, Member, Oregon 2013 - 2017

National Optometric Student Association 2013 - 2017

Vice President, Pacific University

Amigos Eye Care, Member, Pacific University 2013 - 2017

Notre Dame Pre-Professional Society 2009 - 2013

Riley’s Children Hospital Dance Marathon Committee, Recruitment Chair

Merrill Busy Bees 4-H Club, Member and Volunteer, Merrill, WI 1996 – Present

## CERTIFICATIONS

Paragon CRT Lenses 2017

HIPPA, Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR 2016

CPR Certification, Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR 2015

Certified Nursing Assistance Course, North Central Technical College, Antigo, WI 2010

## PROFESSIONAL/ACADEMIC HONORS & AWARDS

Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Cord, Pacific University 2017

Dean’s List, University of Notre Dame 2010, 2011, 2013

L.N. Anson Memorial Scholarship, University of Notre Dame 2009 – 2013

## LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS

A Disrupted Gut: The visual and symptomatic consequences in a patient with concussion 2018

Bright Eyes Vision Clinic

Ambient Vision 2017

Bright Eyes Vision Clinic

Primitive Reflexes 2017

Bright Eyes Vision Clinic

Sports Vision 2017

Bright Eyes Vision Clinic

The Impact of Vision on Learning 2016

MEdVFL

Dizzy: A Clinical Case 2016

Lexington VAMC

“Anything else I can help you with?” Third Year Grand Rounds Presentation 2015

## ACADEMIC/RESEARCH INTEREST

Pediatrics, Vision Therapy and Community outreach/education

As part of my MEdVFL degree, I developed a Continuing Education class for community members to learn more about vision and how it can affect a child’s performance in the classroom. I delivered the lecture to both pre-kindergarten teachers and community members at a local community college.

Concussion Care in a Multi-Disciplinary Setting

Vision Rehabilitation and Visual-Vestibular Rehabilitation for patients with concussions

Systemic health and its effect on visual skill and concussion symptoms

## REFERENCES

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