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Continuing Education Course Approval Checklist

Title: Mental Barriers in Visual Rehabilitation

Provider Name: Dr. Joseph Pruitt

☑Completed Application
Open to all Optometrists? ☑Yes ☐No
Maintain Record Agreement? ☑Yes ☐No

☑Correct Application Fee

☐Detailed Course Summary

☑Detailed Course Outline

☑PowerPoint and/or other Presentation Materials

☐Advertising (optional)

☑CV for EACH Course Instructor

☑License Verification for Each Course Instructor
Disciplinary History? ☐Yes ☑No

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In addition to the information requested below, please attach a copy of the course schedule, a detailed course outline and presentation materials (e.g., PowerPoint presentation). Applications must be submitted 45 days prior to the course presentation date.

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Course Title	**Course Presentation Date**
Mental Barriers in Visual Rehabilitiation	09/29/2017

Course Provider Contact Information

Provider Name

Joseph (First) Pruitt (Last) Allan (Middle)

Provider Mailing Address

Street 11980 Mt Vernon Ave. **City** Grand Terrace **State** CA **Zip** 92313

Provider Email Address pruitt.joseph@gmail.com

Will the proposed course be open to all California licensed optometrists?	☑ YES ☐ NO
Do you agree to maintain and furnish to the Board and/or attending licensee such records of course content and attendance as the Board requires, for a period of at least three years from the date of course presentation?	☑ YES ☐ NO

Course Instructor Information

Please provide the information below and attach the curriculum vitae for each instructor or lecturer involved in the course. If there are more instructors in the course, please provide the requested information on a separate sheet of paper.

Instructor Name

Joseph (First) Pruitt (Last) Allan (Middle)

License Number 13429	**License Type** TLG
Phone Number (909) 721-7751	**Email Address** pruitt.joseph@gmail.com

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all the information submitted on this form and on any accompanying attachments submitted is true and correct.

Signature of Course Provider *Date* 3/13/2017

1 **Overcoming Mental Barriers in Vision Rehabilitation**

Joseph A. Pruitt, O.D., M.B.A., FAAO
Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc.

Lyn M. Wiley, M.A., COMS
Blind Rehabilitation Outpatient Specialist, Minneapolis VA Health Care System

2 **Case Report**

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3 **Case Report (Continued)**

- Eye Examination:
  - Entering visual acuities through her habitual glasses were 20/20 right eye (OD), left eye (OS) and with both eyes (OU.)
  - Pupils were equal, round and reactive to light and no evidence of an afferent pupillary defect.
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4 **Case Report (Continued)**

- Subjective refraction yielded a compound myopic astigmatic refractive error OD and OS.
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- Prescription was released.
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5 **Case Report (Continued)**

- 6 weeks later patient returned to clinic for a follow-up exam after having received her new glasses.
  - Patient reported he diplopia had "essentially resolved," but still complained of intermittent visual discomfort.

6 **Case Report (Continued)**

- Eye Examination:
  - Entering visual acuities through her new glasses were 20/20 at distance and near OD, OS, OU.
  - Pupils were equal, round and reactive to light without presence of an afferent pupillary defect. Cover test was ortho at distance and near.
  - Near Point Convergence was to the nose on all three attempts.
  - Positive Prism Bar Vergences yielded the result of a break at 16 prism diopters and a recovery at 10 prism diopters.
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7 **Case Report (Continued)**

- 1 week later, the patient began vision therapy
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8 **Case Report (Continued)**

  - Brock String was then introduced during week 2 primarily as a means of providing an out-of-office component into her therapy due to distributable lens blanks not being available to the clinic
    - The progress with the Brock String was not tracked given that the patient was convergence sufficient
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9 **Case Report (Continued)**

  - Week 4 of therapy, the patient remained only able to perform the Monocular Minus Lens Dips with -4.00 diopter.
  - Patient was referred back to TBI Eye Clinic for reevaluation.

- 3 days later, the patient presented to TBI Eye Clinic

10 **Case Reprt (Continued)**

- Eye Examination:
  - Entering visual acuities were 20/20 at distance and near OD, OS, OU
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11 **Case Report (Continued)**

- Eye Examination (continued):
  - Negative Prism Bar Vergences yielded the result of a break 4 prism diopters and a recovery of 2 prism diopters
  - Minus-lens Amplitudes were found to be 2.75 diopters OD and 1.50 diopters OS
- Given the atypical near testing results, malingering was suspected and vision therapy was temporarily suspended until the matter could be discussed with the patient's inter-disciplinary team

12 **Case Report (Continued)**

- 6 days later, the patient's case was discussed with the patient's vision therapist, psychologist and social worker
  - The psychologist identified tentative diagnosis of Conversion Disorder
- The next day, vision therapy resumed with exception to the Brock String
  - It was made clear to the patient the prescribed therapy will resolve her visual complaints and if in the event it does not, the cause of her complaint is not visual in nature, but psychological
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13 **Case Report (Continued)**

  - The following week, the patient increased her performance to being able to use a -6.00 diopter lens during Monocular Hart Chart Minus Lens Dips
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16 **Discussion**

- This case utilized the "double-bind" technique to manage the Conversion Disorder
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18 **Conclusion**

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19 **Conclusion (continued)**

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Objective:

Education:

Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale-Davie, Florida 2008-2011
Master of Business Administration, 2011

West Los Angeles Veteran Affairs Healthcare Center, Los Angeles, California 2007-2008
Residency Certificate, Geriatric/Primary Care, 2008

Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, Illinois 2003-2007
Doctor of Optometry, 2007

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, California 2000-2003
Bachelor of Science, Biology, 2003

University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee 1999-2000
Major in Biology

Licenses:

Tennessee #2753 Date of Issue: July 10, 2007
- Active
- Injectible Certification
- Therapeutic Certification

California #13429T Date of Issue: Sept. 28, 2007
- Active
- Therapeutic and Pharmaceutical Agent + Lacrimal Irrigation and Dilation + Glaucoma (TLG) Certified

Georgia #OPT002454 Date of Issue: June 12, 2008
- Active
- Diagnostic and Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agent Certified

Minnesota #3130 Date of Issue: June 17, 2008
- Active
- Diagnostic Pharmaceutical Agent (DPA) Certified
- Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agent (TPA) Certified

Board Certification:

American Board of Certification in Medical Optometry Date of recertification: Feb 2018
- Board certified

Certifications:

Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Certified Date of Expiration: Mar 2020

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) & Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Recommended Renewal: Mar 2017

Bausch & Lomb Overnight Orthokeratology Date of Issue/Completion: April 6, 2006
- Certification Number: 20060406002

Paragon Corneal Refractive Therapy (CRT) — Date of Issue/Completion: Dec. 28, 2007
- Certification Number: 161000

Advance Competence in Medical Optometry (ACMO) — Date Taken: June 13, 2008
- Administered by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO)
- Examination only made available to candidates meeting specific clinical experience requirements/pre-requisites
- Passed examination

Employment:

Riverside San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc (RSBCIHI) — Oct. 2014- present
- Director of Eye Care
- Staff Optometrist

Riverside San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc (RSBCIHI) — July 2014- Oct. 2014
- Staff Optometrist

Minneapolis Veteran Affairs Health Care System — Nov 2008- June 2014
- Low Vision/Staff Optometrist
- Optometric Residency Coordinator
  - Spearheaded and implemented program
- Student Externship Coordinator
  - Spearheaded and implemented program

Wal-Mart Vision Center (Red Wing & Rochester, MN) — Jul 2008- Nov 2008
- Associate Optometrist

EyExam of California — Oct 2007- June 2008
- On-call/Fill-in Optometrist

Faculty Appointments:

Western University of Health Science / College of Optometry, Pomona, California — Jan 2015 - present
- Clinical Assistant Professor of Optometry
- RSBCIHI Externship Site Program Director
  - As part of being RSBCIHI Eye Care Director

University of the Incarnate Word-Rosenberg School of Optometry, San Antonio, Texas — May 2012- June 2014
- Clinical Assistant Professor
- Minneapolis VA HCS Externship Site Program Director

Midwestern University-Arizona College of Optometry, Glendale, Arizona — May 2012- June 2014
- Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor
- Minneapolis VA HCS Externship Site Program Director

Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, Tennessee — Dec 2010- June 2014
- Adjunct Faculty
- Minneapolis VA HCS Externship Site Program Director

University of Missouri, St. Louis College of Optometry, St. Louis, Missouri — Jul 2009- June 2014
- Adjunct Assistant Professor
- Minneapolis VA HCS Externship Site Program Director

Experience:

Riverside-San Bernardino Indian Health, Inc — Oct 2014 - present
- Director of Eye Care
  - Oversee all organizational Eye Care activities

- Staff Optometrist

Riverside-San Bernardino Indian Health, Inc — Jul 2014 – Oct 2014

- Staff Optometrist

Minneapolis Veteran Affairs Medical Center — Nov 2008- June 2014

- Staff Optometrist
  - Primary Eye Care
  - Low Vision
    - Sole low vision eye care provider
  - Polytrauma/Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Ocular Health & Vision Assessments

- VISN 23 Low Vision Continuum of Care Conference (May 2009)
  - Faculty
  - Planning committee

- Established Associated Health Education Affiliation Agreement with University of Missouri, St. Louis College of Optometry, Ferris State University Michigan College of Optometry, & Southern College of Optometry for the optometric externship program
  - Externship program director

- Established Associated Health Education Affiliation Agreement with the Illinois College of Optometry for the optometry residency program
  - Residency in Primary Care/Brain Injury and Vision Rehabilitation
  - Residency program director
    - Designed the program's curriculum
    - Secured all necessary approvals and funding
    - After the initial site visit, program received full ACOE accreditation

Wal-Mart Vision Center (Red Wing & Rochester, MN) — Jul 2008- Nov 2008

- Associate Optometrist

Residency:

West Los Angeles Veteran Affairs Healthcare Center — Jul 2007- June 2008

- Geriatrics/Primary Care
  - Primary Care including Diabetic exams
  - Low Vision evaluations/exams
  - Nursing home/in-patient exams
  - Medically justified specialty contact lenses exams/fittings
  - Lecture Internal Medicine's and Endocrinology's Residents & Interns on Diabetic Retinopathy
    - Given during Chief Resident rotation
  - Precept Southern California College of Optometry's interns

Optometric Externships:

Atlantic Eye Institute, Jacksonville Beach, FL — Feb-May 2007

- OD/MD private practice with an emphasis on Contact Lenses and Primary Care
- Observed multiple surgical procedures:
  - Cataract Extraction
  - Blepharoplasty
  - Strabismus recession and resection

Memphis Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC), Memphis, TN — Nov 2006-Feb 2007

- Emphasis on Primary Care
- Assisted in direct care in a high patient volume

medical optometric eye clinic
- Assisted in optometric injections and fluorescence angiographies procedures

Illinois Eye Institute (IEI), Chicago, IL — Aug-Nov 2006
- Emphasis on Pediatrics/Binocular Vision, Advance Care, and Low Vision
- Performed comprehensive eye exams on pediatric patients (infants-11yrs of age)
- Performed comprehensive eye exams on "at risk/2nd chance" children one day a week at Maryville Academy
- Constructed, tailored and performed successful binocular vision/vision therapy treatments to 4 children over a 10 week period
- Assisted in the treatment of advance glaucoma with attending University of Chicago ophthalmologist
- Performed problem specific examinations one day per week in IEI's Emergency/Urgent Care/Walk-in clinic
- Performed full Low Vision examinations including Low Vision device selection and training

Body of Christ Optometry Clinic, Tegucigalpa, Honduras — May-Aug 2006
- Emphasis on Primary and Advance Care
- Performed full-scope optometric care in a high patient volume medical clinic geared towards the underprivileged
- Also worked closely with a local ophthalmologist
  - Observed and assisted in Cataract Extraction and Incision and Curettage procedures
  - Provided pre and post-surgical care

Primary Care Clinical Education
Illinois Eye Institute, Chicago, IL — Aug 2005-May 2006

Volunteer Optometric Assistant
Body of Christ Optometry Clinic, Tegucigalpa, Honduras — Jun-Aug 2004
- Assisted staff optometrist in direct patient care in the clinic and multiple remote satellite outreach locations

Professional Affiliations/Memberships:
- Accreditation Council on Optometric Education
  - Consultant, 2014-present
- American Academy of Optometry (AAO)
  - Fellow; Class of 2009
- American Optometric Association (AOA)
- Armed Forces Optometric Society (AFOS)
- European Academy of Optometry and Optics (EAOO)
  - Candidate for Fellowship
- Fellowship of Christian Optometrists (FCO)
- Minneapolis VAMC Medical Staff Association
  - Steering Committee, member 2010-2014
- National Association of Veteran Affairs Optometrists (NAVAO)
  - Newsletter Committee, member 2010-2014
- National Optometric Association (NOA)
  - Minnesota's NOA State Representative 2010-2012
  - National Optometric Student Association (NOSA)
    - NOSA National Vice-President: 2006-2007
    - NOSA-ICO President: 2005-2006
    - NOSA-ICO Vice-President: 2004-2005

- Volunteer Optometric Service to Humanity (VOSH)
- Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development
  - Peer Reviewer, 2013-2014

Activities:

- VOSH Medical Mission Trip, Bamenda, Cameroon (May 2010)
- Mayo Medical School/Brighter Tomorrow's Winter Warmth Festival (Jan 2009 & Jan 2010)
  - Fun day of activities for children battling cancer and their families
  - Volunteer
- Veteran Affairs Disaster Emergency Medical Personnel System (DEMPS)
  - Volunteer (Aug 2009-present)
- FCO Optometry Mission Trip, Port Au Prince, Haiti (Feb 2007)
- SVOSH Medical Mission Trip, Addis Addaba, Ethiopia (Mar-Apr 2006)
- FCO Optometry Mission Trip, Tegucigalpa, Honduras (Apr 2003 & Nov 2004)

Honors/Rewards:

- Recognition of Excellence in Teaching as Clinical Assistant Professor, Western University Health Sciences/College of Optometry (2015-2016 Academic Year)
- Nomination for Medical Staff Clinical Excellence Award (2012 & 2013)
- Recognition for Outstanding Dedication and Service as Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Missouri – St. Louis (2010-2011 Academic Year)
- Journal of the American Optometric Association: Optometry's Eagle Award (Nov 2010)
- Certificate of Appreciation (July 2009)
  - Department of Veterans Affairs – VISN 23
    - Awarded for participation in VISN 23 Blind and Low Vision Continuum of Care Conference
- Recognition for Clinical Excellence (May 2007)
- Derald Taylor Low Vision Award (May 2007)
- Clinical Dean's List (summer 2005; summer & fall 2006, winter & spring 2007)
- Academic Dean's List (fall 2004)
- Wildermuth Leadership Award/Scholarship (Aug 2006)
- Vistakon Acuvue Eye Health Advisor Citizenship Scholarship (Jan 2006)
- NOSA Service Award/Scholarship (Aug 2004)

Publications:

Pruitt JA. The Management of Homonymous Hemianopsia Secondary to Hemispheric Ischemic Cerebral Vascular Accident. Accepted for publication by Review Optometry (July 2010)

Rittenbach TL, Pruitt JA. A Roundup of Recently Approved Ophthalmic Drugs (and their Use in Practice.) Rev Optom. 2014. 151(2):22-28.

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Pruitt JA, Ilsen P. On the frontline: What an optometrist needs to know about myasthenia gravis. Optometry 81(9): 454-460.

Pruitt JA, Sokol T, Maino D. Fragile X Syndrome and the Fragile X-associated Tremor/Ataxia Syndrome. Eye Care Review: Ophthalmology, Optometry, Opticianry 4(2): 17-23

Posters/Presentations

Pruitt JA. The Curious Case of the Functionally Legally Blind Patient with 20/25 (6/7.5) Visual Acuity. *Accepted into American Optometric Association Annual Meeting: Optometry's Meeting (2012) Poster Session.*

Pruitt JA, Prussing N. Successfully Treated Horizontal Diplopia Returns with Subsequent Traumatic Brain Injury. *Accepted into American Optometric Association Annual Meeting: Optometry's Meeting (2012) Poster Session.*

Pruitt JA, Prussing N. The Curious Case of the Functionally Legally Blind Patient with 20/25 (6/7.5) Visual Acuity. European Academy of Optometry and Optics Annual Meeting (2012) Poster Session.

Pruitt JA, Prussing N. Successfully Treated Horizontal Diplopia Returns with Subsequent Traumatic Brain Injury. European Academy of Optometry and Optics Annual Meeting (2012) Case Presentation Session.

Pruitt JA, Prussing N. Traumatic Brain Injury Resulting in Horizontal Diplopia Resolved 5 Years Later with 12 Weeks of Vision Therapy. Minnesota Optometric Association Annual Meeting (2012) Poster Session.

Pruitt JA, Wiley LM. Overcoming Mental Barriers in Visual Rehabilitation. American Optometric Association Annual Meeting: Optometry's Meeting (2011) Poster Session.

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Pruitt JA, Wiley LM. Overcoming Mental Barriers in Visual Rehabilitation. Minnesota Optometric Association Annual Meeting's (2011) Poster Session

Pruitt JA, Ilsen P, Yeung C. Ptosis Crutch: Success Treating Myogenic Ptosis Secondary to Myasthenia Gravis. American Optometric Association (AOA) 2008 Optometry Meeting Poster Session

Pruitt JA, Ilsen P. Ptosis Crutch: Success Treating Myogenic Ptosis Secondary To Myasthenia Gravis. Southeastern Congress of Optometry (SECO) 2008 Multimedia Poster Session

Lectures and Other:

Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc.: Eye Care Rounds (Nov 2016)
- Ptosis Crutch: Success Treating Myogenic Ptosis Secndary to Myasthenia Gravis
- CA Board of Optometry-approved CE

Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc.: Eye Care Rounds (Sept 2016)
- Visual Fields
- CA Board of Optometry-approved CE

Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc.: Eye Care Rounds (July 2016)
- Ethical Concerns with Short-term Mission Trips
- CA Board of Optometry-approved CE

Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc.: Eye Care Rounds (July 2016)
- Systemic Urgencies and Emergencies
- CA Board of Optometry-approved CE

Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc.: Eye Care Rounds (Mar 2016)
- Episcleritis, Scleritis, and Iritis
- CA Board of Optometry-approved CE

Illinois College of Optometry: Practice Opportunities Symposium (Mar 2011)
- Represented and presented on VA Optometry
- Participated in panel discussion on "Residency-trained Optometrists"

University of Minnesota: Pre-Optometry Club (Oct. 2010)

- Presentation on the profession of Optometry
- Presented and represented VA Optometry and NOA

Illinois College of Optometry: Capstone Ceremony (May 2010)

- Represented and presented on VA Optometry

Illinois College of Optometry: Practice Opportunities Symposium (Mar 2010)

- Participant in Residency-trained Speaker's Panel
- Represented and presented on VA Optometry

Illinois College of Optometry: White Coat Ceremony/Smart Business Program (Sept 2009)

- Participant on Recent Graduate Speaker's Panel