# Management of Persistent Post Concussive Symptoms:

What's the Latest Evidence?

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#### **Faculty**

Christina Finn Ed.D, OTR/L graduated from the University of Scranton in 2004 with a master's degree in Occupational Therapy and is currently an associate professor of occupational therapy at the New York Institute of Technology in Westbury, NY where she teaches classes in physical rehabilitation and motor learning. Prior to attaining a full-time faculty position, Christina worked at NYU Rusk for 10 years. During her time, she worked extensively with individuals with visual difficulties as a result of brain injury, concussion, and other neurological conditions. She has experience in all areas of rehabilitation across the spectrum of care, including acute care, inpatient, and outpatient rehabilitation. She has attended several vision therapy training courses and holds a certification in adult vestibular rehabilitation. Christina has presented to health care professionals on the topic of vision rehabilitation and has presented nationally on the topic of postconcussion syndrome.

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#### **About this In-Person Course**

This course will provide updates on the latest research related to diagnosis and management of concussion and persistent post concussive symptoms. This course will focus on the latest relevant and evidence-based assessment and treatment strategies for adults and children with prolonged visual, vestibular, and sensory complaints as a result of concussion. Effective treatment strategies to improve visual skills, balance, and sensory integration for optimal return to all daily tasks will be highlighted. Best practice guidelines for return to learn, return to play, and return to work will be highlighted. Participants will engage in clinical problem solving via group case analysis and discussion.

#### **Learning Objectives**

- 1. Apply current research to diagnosis and treatment of concussion and postconcussion syndrome
- 2. Determine when referral is indicated to address co-morbidities
- 3. Assess visual function, balance, and ability to participate in daily tasks (including cognitive)
- 4. Implement treatments to remediate oculomotor dysfunction, sensory integrative dysfunction, and visual-motor skills impairment
- 5. Implement training techniques and compensatory strategies including cognitive strategies to help the patient transition back to work, school and daily tasks

#### **Audience**

This course is relevant for therapists working with individuals of all ages including school-aged children, young adults, and older adults who may have sustained a concussion as a result of fall, MVA, sports injury, or other accident.



## **Schedule—Day 1** 8:00 am – 5:30 pm EST (US)

8:00-8:30	Pagistration/Continental Breakfast		
8:30-9:30	Registration/Continental Breakfast		
0.30-3.30	Overview of Concussion Diagnosis		
	Current diagnostic tools: imaging, lab profile,		
	clinical presentation, implications for therapy intervention.		
	Symptoms: Immediate and delayed		
	Literature review/ patient reports		
	Visual, vestibular, cognitive, behavioral, and		
	sensory changes		
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9:30-10:30	Long Terms Effects of Concussion and Updates		
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10:30-10:45	Break		
10:45-12:15	Management of Concussion and PCS		
	To rest or not? Overview of medical and		
	therapeutic management		
	Specialized Equipment: Does it prevent		
	concussion? Re-injury?		
12:15-1:15	Lunch (on your own)		
1:15-1:45	Return to Learn and Classroom Modifications		
1:45-2:15	Return to College		
2:15-2:45	Return to Play Protocols: Updates on the		
	Evidence		
2:45-3:00	Break		
3:00-3:30	Facilitating Return to Work		
3:30-4:30	Services that can help manage post concussive		
	symptoms: OT, PT, SLP, Neuropsychology,		
	Vocational Rehabilitation		
	Interdisciplinary team approach to decrease		
	symptoms and optimize return to function		
	Concussion Education and Knowledge		
4:30-5:30	Case Analyses, Chart Review, Identification of		
	Symptoms and use of screening tools		

## Schedule—Day 2 7:30 am - 4:00 pm EST (US)

7:30-8:00	Registration/Continental Breakfast	
8:00-8:30	Co-morbities and the interdisciplinary team and	
	case study	
8:30-9:45	Functional changes after concussion	
	Vision/ Impact on Visual System	
	Balance/ Impact on vestibular system	
	Sensory changes after concussion	
9:45-10:00	Break	
10:00-10:30	Changes in cognitive functioning	
	Computerized cognitive testing	
10:30-11:15	Assessments and screening Visual issues Vision	
	Screening: DEM, King Devick, NPOC, Oculomotor	
	screening	
	Specific Vestibular and Balance and Assessments:	
	DVA, BESS, TUG, ABC	
11:15-11:45	LAB: Screening and Assessment	
11:45-12:45	Lunch (on your own)	
12:45-2:30	Treatment Interventions to improve visual skills	
	for optimal functional performance	
	Treatment to remediate oculomotor dysfunction	
	Convergence and bilateral activities Oculomotor	
	and reading	
	Oculomotor smooth pursuits and balance	
2:30-2:45	Break	
2:45-3:00	Postural Exercises: Use of proprioception and	
	sensory integration	
3:00-3:30	Final Case Study and Discussion	
3:30-4:00	Concussion Education and Knowledge Translation	



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Day 1 - 8:30-5:30

Day 2 - 8:00-4:00

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