

Course Content:

This 2-day continuing education course focuses on the evaluation of those suffering from concussion (mild traumatic brain injury) as well as moderate acquired brain injury including those resulting from head impacts as well as strokes.

Course Objectives:

1. List signs and symptoms of Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) and Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI)
2. List Common visual defects of ABI
3. Perform a thorough oculomotor exam
4. Perform a thorough vestibular exam
5. Discuss findings of the HINTS exam that indicate possible stroke



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HOURS:

15 HOURS (1.5 CEU)

AUDIENCE:

PT, OT, PTA, COTA



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About the Instructor

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- A graduate of Creighton University
- Owner of Posture & Balance Concepts, LLC.
- He has over 20 years experience evaluating and treating neurologic conditions
- Fellowship Candidate: Neuro Optometric Rehabilitation Association
- Dr. Plishka has served on the Board of Directors for the Vestibular Disorder Association
- Chair: Vestibular Special Interest Group of the International Neurologic Physical Therapy Association (World Physiotherapy)
- Member of the American Physical Therapy Association
- International Liaison , Vestibular Special Interest Group, APTA
- Author: A Clinician's Guide to Balance and Dizziness: Evaluation and Treatment

Day 1

0800 CDC statistics
Brain Function and Signs of Trauma
Signs/Symptoms of ABI
Break—15 min.
Taking a History
Scans/Imaging
Lunch—1 hr.
Concussion Assessment
Pediatric Concussions
Sports Sideline Exam
Break—15 min.
Neurocognitive Testing
Post-Concussion Symptom Scale
King Devick Test
1700 End of Day 1

Day 2

0800 Visual Anatomy & Processing
Common Visual Defects of ABI
Differentiating Neglect from Hemianopia
Special Tests to Examine ABI
Oculomotor Exam
Break—15 min.
Visual Acuity Exam
Vision Lab
Lunch—1 hr.
Visual Midline Shift Syndrome
Using Prisms
Vestibular System
Vestibular Exam
Break—15 min.
Vestibular Lab
Cerebellar Tests
Plan of Care
Case Studies
1700 End of Day 2