

VISION EDUCATOR TRAINING INSTITUTE

Teacher Training Program

Certification Overview

Purpose: To prepare students to work with a wide variety of vision conditions, using the techniques and philosophy central to the Bates-Corbett Method and to Vision Therapy.

Students learn to teach individuals as well as classes for small groups, and to work with the following conditions:

- nearsightedness • farsightedness • presbyopia • astigmatism • eye teaming problems • eye diseases • eye strain

The training is designed to provide a solid base of information and experience for students to begin teaching in their communities. Emphasis is on core skills and building a strong foundation. Vision is a complex and wide field, and students are expected to expand upon this basic training as they develop their careers.

Organization: The training is organized into six 4-day weekends, approximately 192 hours of class time. The class time emphasizes hands-on activities and practice teaching. Between weekends, students are expected to complete reading assignments and do small research projects to supplement classroom learning. Students are also expected to work with friends, family, and/or acquaintances as practice students, in order to gain experience in teaching the skills learned in class. During the training, time is allocated to learning how to start and build a practice, including marketing techniques and strategies.

The next training dates are:

- September 15th – 18th, 2011
- November 10th – 13th, 2011
- January 12th – 15th, 2012
- March 15th – 18th, 2012
- May 17th – 20th, 2012
- July 19th – 22nd, 2012

Location: The Barn at Lightwater, 43 Mast Cove Road, Eliot, Maine 03903

Tuition: \$5,350.00 USD

Tuition includes training manual and teaching materials, access to books, tapes and videos from our 'vision library', classroom materials, support and mentoring between classes.

Additional expenses: transportation, lodging, food and books.

Upon successful completion of the program you will receive resources lists, useful web sites, and web site listing as a practitioner on our web site www.visioneducators.com

To apply: Please answer the questions on the application form below and send it with your \$1,000 deposit payable to **Rosemary Gaddum Gordon**. The balance is due in full on the first day of training or incrementally, in a series of checks for \$725.00 USD dated for each of the first day of the six weekends. Your \$1,000 deposit is refundable minus \$35 until 30 June 2011. After that time it is nonrefundable. There is a \$1,000 dropout fee once the course has started. If you wish to pay by credit card (\$1030), click this link: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s-xclick&hosted_button_id=2V4XM7Y34YHJS

CURRICULUM

Overview of the Field of Vision Education

- Understanding vision: The Bates-Corbett Method
- Vision Therapy
- Vision: the physical aspects
- Eye anatomy
- Role of the brain
- Nutrition
- Disease prevention
- Refractive errors: myopia, presbyopia, astigmatism, hyperopia. What they are and how to work with each situation
- Eye teaming: Working with strabismus and amblyopia
- Stress and vision
- Relaxation, movement and centralization techniques
- Vision and its relationship to the whole body
- The basics for everyone: promoting vision health and preventing deterioration
- Teaching group workshops: putting together an introductory workshop for all vision conditions
- Teaching individuals: assessment, and guidelines for working with people with presbyopia, hyperopia, myopia, astigmatism or eye teaming difficulties
- Working with students with diagnosed eye diseases
- Therapeutic use of lenses
- Working with children
- Working with other eye-care professionals
- Tools for working with emotions and vision
- The Art of Teaching
- Practice Building: getting started, marketing your business, and creating systems

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Teacher Training Application

****Please type or print clearly ****

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Province/State _____ Country _____ Postal/Zip Code _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Please discuss the following on a separate sheet of paper. Please type or print/write very clearly! Thanks.

1. Why do you want to take the teacher training?
2. What are your personal goals and intentions for the training?
3. Please describe your educational background (formal and informal), and special skills you bring to this field.
4. Describe also any teaching background you have, and experience in the realm of holistic health.
5. What is your vision-related background? Please let us know about workshops you've taken, books you've read, experiences with your own vision, etc.
6. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

Please submit a \$1000 deposit with your application.

- The **check** should be made payable to Rosemary Gaddum Gordon and sent to Lightwater, 43 Mast Cove Road, Eliot, ME 03903-1744 USA
- If you wish to pay by **credit card or PayPal** (\$1030), click this link:
https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=2V4XM7Y34YHJS