

ABOUT US

Accelerated Visual Performance is a vision enhancement clinic that specializes in improving the human visual system and visual perception -- the speed and accuracy with which the eyes gather information.

Dr. Edvin Manniko, Practicing Optometrist

As practicing Optometrist at Accelerated Visual Performance, Dr. Manniko plays a lead role in the evaluation and implementation of tailored visual training programs for patients. A frequent speaker at schools, universities, sports organizations and businesses, Dr. Manniko has earned a reputation as one of the most knowledgeable and influential proponents of visual training.

Dr. Manniko earned his Doctorate degree in Optometry from the Illinois College of Optometry. Additionally, Dr. Manniko has completed advanced courses in 'Advanced Vision Testing and Training' from the Southern College of Optometry and Reading Enhancement from Purdue University. Throughout his more than 30 years in the eye care industry, Dr. Manniko has conducted extensive research in the area of visual enhancement.

Dr. Manniko has established a diverse clientele, consisting of world-class athletes, students, learning disabled individuals and injury victims.

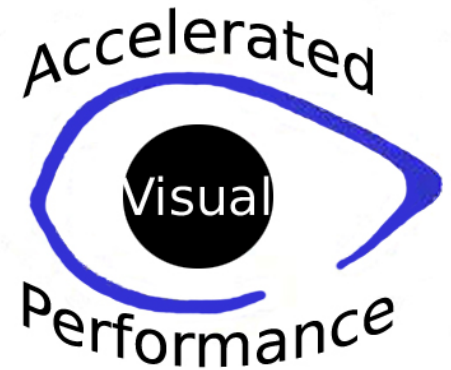
BENEFITS

- Scholastic improvement for all ages and abilities
- Increased comprehension levels
- Increased processing and creative capabilities
- Improved concentration and efficiency
- Increased athletic performance

We have a record of success...

in improving the visual system associated with:

- Closed head injuries
- Headaches
- Neck pain
- Whiplash
- Learning disabilities
 - ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder)
 - ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)
 - Dyslexia
- Amblyopia (lazy eye)
- Little-league to world-class athletes



Evaluation, Improvement and
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WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM VISUAL TRAINING?

Accelerated Visual Performance's expertise includes improving the visual system associated with:

- Learning disabilities
- Whiplash and head injury
- Sports vision enhancement
- Visual efficiency for computer users

Learning disabilities: Nearly 20% of students in K-12 are learning disabled and paramount visual problems exist within 80% of these individuals. Visual training programs can help to improve reading speed, comprehension and accuracy. While therapy is not a direct 'cure' for learning disabilities, it is effective in resolving associated visual problems.

Whiplash and head injury: Victims of whiplash and head injury often lose significant visual skills until healing takes place. Accelerated Visual Performance can help speed the recovery of such individuals and help get them back to living a normal life.

Sports vision enhancement: More than 80% of all sensory information is derived from the visual system. Improving the visual system can significantly boost athletic performance by improving response time, vision-body coordination and confidence. These are just a few of the benefits patients will realize from the program.

Computer users: Extended periods of concentrated close work can contribute to eyestrain. Vision Therapy can improve concentration and increase efficiency for near work.

THE TRAINING

Performed by Behavioral Optometrists for more than 60 years, visual training is designed to develop, improve and enhance personal performance.

The visual system is a complex process that involves the mind, muscles, eyes and the subtle and complicated mechanisms that tie everything together – it's much more than just acuity (i.e. 20/20 vision). Therefore, visual therapy involves and trains the entire visual system – representing a form of neurological training or rehabilitation (it can be compared to some forms of occupational therapy or physical therapy).

The overriding goal of the therapy is to train the patient's brain to use the eyes to receive information effectively, comprehend it quickly and react appropriately.

Although visual therapy does not teach reading or advanced sports skills, therapy programs are used to treat contributory vision problems or inefficiencies, enabling the individual to take full advantage of his/her educational, occupational and/or sporting potential.

ENHANCEMENT

Visual skills are developed from birth and learned as the individual grows. They can also be taught, enhanced and improved upon under the direction of a trainer who understands each unique visual system. Visual patterns differ in every individual; therefore Accelerated Visual Performance develops a training program for each patient.

Through diagnostic testing and evaluation, we analyze your performance system in four main areas:

- Visual efficiency-- how effectively does the visual system work together as a whole under varied circumstances
- Visual spatial relationship - the visual integration and processing in conjunction with the body and its environment
- Visual perception - how the information needed to make a response is gathered and processed
- Visual motor - how visual perceptions are integrated with a motor response

Visual therapy can help individuals achieve improved vision and when the program is complete, the benefits of the therapy can last a lifetime.