

**Online • February 9-10, 2018**

**Course Summary**

Vestibular enhancement has always been central to sensory integration practice. However, the importance of administering precise vestibular input that is integrated with specific sound and vision input is only beginning to be acknowledged. This course will expand the therapist’s skills via enhanced understanding of the developmental and neurological processes of the Vestibular-Auditory-Visual Triad. Understanding how these three systems work together with the body’s senses creates a foundation for achieving competency in applying specific intervention strategies, including Astronaut Training: A Sound Activated Vestibular-Visual Protocol.

Astronaut Training provides precise input to all five vestibular receptors, along with auditory and visual input to create a comprehensive treatment protocol that integrates these three sensory systems. Core activities provide opportunities for an adaptive response to sensory input, which completes the sensorimotor neurological circuits underlying all function. Guidelines are provided for safe, effective use of this protocol with clients of all ages and diagnoses.

Videos and case presentations will be used to demonstrate practical clinical activities focusing on activating the vestibular-visual-auditory triad, including Astronaut Training case examples. Vital Links will send course information via email approximately one-week prior to the course. All course materials, including presentation handouts, case studies, etc. will become available for download during the week prior to the course.

**Course Objectives**

*Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:*

- List the connections between connections between the vestibular, auditory and visual systems.
- Recognize the reciprocal interaction between the Vestibular-Auditory-Visual Triad and the core postural muscles.
- Underline the importance of providing precise input to each of the five vestibular receptors.
- Identify powerful new tools to expand your clinical skills, including specific activities to develop and enhance core function.
- Select when to administer the Astronaut Training: A Sound Activated Vestibular-Visual Protocol safely and effectively.

**Continuing Education Units**



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This course offers 12.5 contact hours or 1.25 AOTA CEUs. The assignment of AOTA CEUs does not imply endorsement of specific course content, products or clinical procedures.

Vital Links is approved by the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) as a provider of continuing education.

**Level:** Introductory

**Target Audience:** Occupational Therapy

**Completion Requirements:** Full Attendance, Participation, Test

**Classification Code:** Client Factors, Performance Skills, Intervention



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**ASHA CE Provider:**

This course is offered for 1.25 ASHA CEUs (Introductory Level, Professional Area)

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**Instructors**

**Sheila M. Frick; OTR/L,** is an internationally esteemed clinician, lecturer and pioneer in Occupational Therapy. She has over 20 years of clinical experience, having worked in psychiatry, rehabilitation and home health before specializing in pediatrics. Her expertise includes sensory processing dysfunction, sensory integration and auditory interventions. She created and continues to expand *Therapeutic Listening*, which she has taught to over 10,000 therapists worldwide. She also lectures on such topics as clinical neurology, respiration, the vestibular/auditory system, and various auditory interventions. She is the creator and author of *Listening with the Whole Body*, and co-author of *Core Concepts in Action*, *Astronaut Training*, and *Out of the Mouths of Babes*.



**Disclosure:**

*Financial* - president of Therapeutic Resources, Inc. of which Vital Links is a subsidiary. Co-author of the Astronaut Training manual included in the course and receives royalty payment.

*Non-financial* - married to Ronald Frick, president of Vital Sounds, Inc.

**Mary J. Kawar; M.S., OT/L,** is a private practitioner in El Cerrito, CA. For over 50 years she has specialized in therapeutic programs for children and adults with sensory processing and motor control issues. As a well respected professional, Mary lectures throughout the US and internationally. Mary has a wealth of clinical experience and has been particularly successful at designing precise treatment strategies and therapeutic tools to improve vestibular, visual, and auditory integration for physical, social and cognitive engagement. She is co-author of two books/CD combinations entitled *Core Concepts in Action* and *Astronaut Training: Sound Activated Vestibular Visual Protocol for Moving, Looking, and Listening*. She has also recently written a chapter in the book *Functional Visual Behavior in Children*.



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**Course Materials**

Registrants will receive an email within a week of the course containing instructions on how to access the webinar & printable course materials, such as, the PowerPoint handouts.

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**Friday, February 9, 2018**

- 8:30 Check-In Begins
- 9:00 Announcements & Introductions
- 9:10 Integrated Overview of the Vestibulo-Cochlear, Vestibulo-Visual & Vestibulo-Proprioceptive Receptors, Pathways & Functions:
- 10:30 Short Break
- 10:40 Clinical Observations & Assessments
- 12:25 Extended Break
- 1:10 Moving, Looking & Listening
- 2:40 Short Break
- 2:50 Postural-Ocular-Aural Observation & Assessment Lab
- 4:35 End of Day One

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

- 8:30 Check-In Begins
  - 9:00 Announcements & Introductions
  - 9:05 Guidelines & Demonstration of the Sound Activated Vestibular-Visual Protocol
  - 10:30 Short Break
  - 10:40 Rotary Vestibular Activation Lab
  - 11:55 Extended Break
  - 12:40 Goal-Directed Linear Vestibular Activation in all Planes; Assessment Tools
  - 2:10 Short Break
  - 2:20 Treatment Planning
  - 4:05 Test
  - 4:35 End of Course
- Times listed are in Central Time (CDT/CST)**

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**Registration Fee:**

- \$400 Registration fee\*
  - Add \$15 processing fee for purchase order without payment
  - Add \$44.95 shipping fee for registrations outside the U.S.
- \*Registration fee includes the cost of course materials, including **Astronaut Training: A Sound Activated Vestibular-Visual Protocol** (Handbook & Companion CD; value \$39)
- Group Discount: Take an additional discount of \$20 per registrant for groups of 3 or more enrolling simultaneously

Participant Name (to appear on certificate/CEU documentation)

Mailing Address

City State Zip Code Email Address

Personal Phone # Work Phone # Fax #

**Profession:**

- Occupational Therapy     Physical Therapy
- Speech/Language     Other \_\_\_\_\_

How did you first hear about this course?

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