



## 8<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF BEHAVIOURAL OPTOMETRY

**Speaker:** Christine Allison  
**Credentials:** Professor, FAAO, FCOVD  
**Time/Date Scheduled:** 1330 – 1530 on Friday, 27 April  
**Location:** Plenary

**Biography:** Dr. Allison received her undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame, and received her Doctorate of Optometry from the State University of New York College of Optometry. She completed a residency program in Binocular Vision and Pediatric Optometry at the ICO. She is currently a Professor at ICO teaching core courses and laboratories in the pediatric curriculum, and is also the program coordinator of the Binocular Vision/Pediatric Optometry residency program. Dr. Allison is a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, a fellow of the College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD), and an American Academy of Optometry Diplomate in Binocular Vision, Perception, and Pediatric Optometry, and a Distinguished Scholar and Fellow in the National Academies of Practice. She is the Clinical Director for the Illinois Special Olympics Lions Club International Opening Eyes Program, as well as a Regional Clinical Advisor for this program. Dr. Allison is the current President for COVD, and the Immediate Past President for the Illinois Optometric Association. She has published numerous articles, and given many presentations and lectures both nationally and internationally.

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**Presentation Title:** **Providing Eye Care To Young Children With Intellectual Disability – A Review Of The Special Olympic Young Athletes Opening Eyes Vision Program**

**Abstract:** The learner will be able to perform techniques to assess vision of children that are valid and reliable for the vision of children with special health care needs to accurately evaluate the patient's vision.

The learner will be able to analyze data collected through a comprehensive eye exam of a children with intellectual disability or developmental disability and make appropriate diagnosis recommendations for refractive corrections as well as other forms of optometric care.

The learner will be able to assess whether the child is in need of services from complimentary health disciplines.