

Welcome To **SPECTRIOS INSTITUTE FOR LOW VISION**™

Mission

Founded in 1986 as a non-profit organization, our mission at Spectrios Institute for Low Vision is to provide people with vision loss professional examinations, assistive devices and the training necessary to maximize their vision - - enabling them to function independently at home, school, work and within the community.

About Us

Visual loss affects people of all ages and affects more than just your ability to see. It affects how you think and how you feel. The Spectrios Institute for Low Vision brings together the expertise of nationally acclaimed low vision professionals along with our caring support staff, to serve the needs of individuals with low vision. We treat the whole person - - your head (what you know), your heart (how you feel), and your eyes (what you see) - - to design the best individualized treatment meeting your needs.

Why should you choose us?

- We have an unsurpassed track record of changing the lives of thousands of people with vision loss for the better.
- We are accredited by the National Accreditation Council Serving the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- Spectrios Institute has been cited by the National Eye Institute as a “Model for the Nation”. Under the visionary leadership of Dr. R. Tracy Williams, Spectrios Institute’s caring team of professionals is unparalleled in their knowledge and use of the latest breakthroughs in low vision research, rehabilitation and technology.

What is low vision?

Low vision is any visual impairment which cannot be corrected with medical treatment, surgery, or conventional lenses and interferes with a person's ability to perform his/her activities of daily living.

The Spectrios Institute Program includes:

- Three appointments – an initial appointment of 2½ hours, a follow-up 2-4 weeks later and a 3-month follow-up.
- Discussion with a professional low vision counselor to assess your needs and help you set visual goals.
- An exam by a specially trained low vision doctor lasting over one hour, to carefully evaluate your usable sight and recommend appropriate devices. There are prescriptive magnifiers, high powered reading glasses, telescopic devices and many more options to improve both reading and distance vision.
- Meeting with a vision therapist who provides training on your prescribed devices and education on resources and strategies for reaching your vision goals and maximizing your vision.
- Education in the latest adaptive technology such as closed circuit televisions (CCTV's), specialized computer software and scan-to-read equipment for persons who are visually impaired. Our professional staff evaluates each individual's needs, conducts training sessions and recommends electronic equipment for people of all ages.

Other Program Services

- We sponsor support and learning groups lead by a licensed therapist to assist our patients and their families.

- We publish quarterly newsletters that provide information on technology, resources and other helpful information.

Important Information About Our Program

- Medicare/insurance may reimburse you for part of the program fee. We may have financial assistance available through grants, foundations and private donations for individuals who qualify. Please call us for details: 630-690-7115.
- Grants may be available for a person who cannot afford our program or devices.
- We will file Medicare/insurance claims for you.
- No person who is visually impaired is denied services.
- See our website (www.spectrios.org) for more information and news about upcoming events.

Shop Our Low Vision Store

Our store features non-prescriptive items that will help make daily living activities easier, such as:

- Talking watches, calculators, clocks
- Large print calendars, address books
- Large button remote controls
- And many other items too numerous to mention.

Check out our website www.spectrios.org

Spectrios Institute for Low Vision works in partnership with your eye doctor/specialist helping you to maximize your sight. We will be referring you back to him/her to monitor your medical eye condition.

Spectrios Institute for Low Vision Clinic locations:

at Deicke House
219 East Cole Avenue
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Formerly the Deicke Center for Visual Rehabilitation