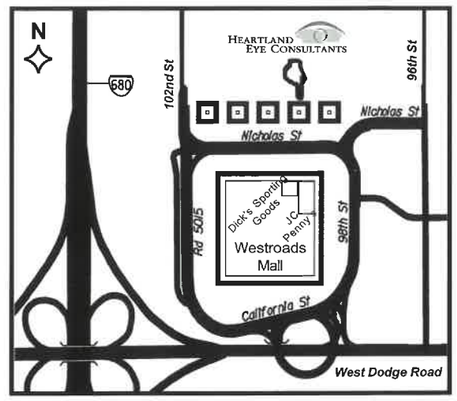
Heartland Eye Consultants is Omaha's Only Comprehensive Optometric Low Vision Rehabilitation Team.

Dr. Karen Wilson is a graduate of Southern California College of Optometry. She has practiced Optometric Low Vision Rehabilitation in the Omaha area since moving here in 2000. Dr. Wilson has a thorough understanding of the effects of vision loss on an individual and how it encompasses all aspects of daily life. She utilizes the most current technology including electronic devices, spectacle binocular systems, and many others to offer her patients the best options for functional use of their remaining vision. She has worked with one of the most prominent retinal specialty practices in the area and is widely connected with professionals from many disciplines through the region. These resources support Dr. Wilson's objective to help patients reach their fullest potential and achieve their goals to remain independent.

Dr. Kyle Cheatham is a graduate of Indiana University School of Optometry. He completed a low vision residency at the VA Medical Center in Kansas City. It is one of only three sites to have the VICTORS low vision program, an internationally recognized program in low vision rehabilitation.

We are committed to a team approach in providing compassionate, personalized care with the patient at the center of the team. Our team's goal is to assist patients to maintain their independence and improve their quality of life.

We are located North of Westroads Mall near I-680 and West Dodge Road. Take the loop around the mall to Nicholas Street. We are across the street from Dick's Sporting Goods in the 2nd building from the east. It is the only building in the area with an American flag.



Please bring your co pay, insurance card, a list of medication with dosages, current glasses and/or magnifiers. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you.

HEARTLAND EYE CONSULTANTS
9900 Nicholas Street • Suite 250
Omaha, Nebraska 68114
402-493-6500
888-837-EYES (3937)

Low Vision Rehabilitation



HEARTLAND EYE CONSULTANTS
9900 Nicholas Street • Suite 250
Omaha, Nebraska 68114
402-493-6500
888-837-EYES (3937)

What is Low Vision?

Low Vision is a loss of sight that cannot be corrected with ordinary eyeglasses, contact lenses, medicine or surgery. Anyone whose loss of vision interferes with their ability to do normal, everyday tasks has the potential to benefit from Optometric Low Vision Rehabilitation services.



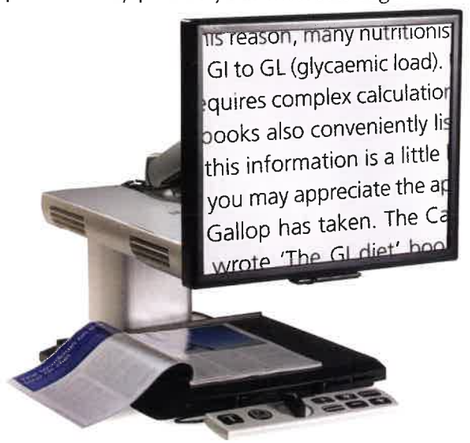
Who has Low Vision?

A significant number of our patients suffer from macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and optic nerve disease. These diseases often impact reading, computer work, driving, watching television and personal hygiene. Our program addresses those needs, but we also recognize that each patient is different — with their own specific hobbies and interests (woodworking, sewing, etc.) We tailor our approach to each patient so that personal goals are addressed.

What to Expect...

Optometric Low Vision Rehabilitation teaches you how to successfully utilize the vision you have left. Our experience has taught us that this process usually takes more than one doctor's visit and often involves the patient needing more than just a new pair of eyeglasses. It is natural for patients to assume that a stronger pair of glasses will alleviate their problem, but in advanced cases of eye disease, stronger eyeglasses do not work. In fact, they can sometimes make visual symptoms worse. Prescription magnifiers, high-powered reading glasses, telescopes, closed-circuit televisions and other devices are necessary in these cases. We are excited to teach you how to utilize this technology.

We want you to leave our program with a renewed enthusiasm for life, able to enjoy some of the things that came naturally to you before your vision loss. Simply put, your goals become our goals. You can expect us to passionately pursue your interests together.



"I can read the mail and see pictures of my grandchildren again!"



A patient's view of a lake with advanced macular degeneration.

What to Expect...

Your initial visit to our Optometric Low Vision Rehabilitation Center will consist of a thorough ocular health evaluation by one of our low vision doctors. It usually takes about 2 hours. This will allow us to completely understand the nature and complexity of your problem. We will explain your disease in detail and coordinate a personalized plan based on your specific goals and interests. In the following visits you will work with our team to execute the plan. Each of these visits lasts an hour and insurance typically covers the cost of each office visit.

How Much Does this Cost?

Examinations and occupational therapy visits are usually covered by your health insurance or Medicare. High-powered reading glasses, prescription magnifiers, and other devices are typically not covered.