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Melissa is a board-certified specialist in neurologic physical therapy. Melissa earned her doctorate degree in physical therapy from Emory University in 2004 and passed her certificate of competency at the Emory and APTA sponsored vestibular rehabilitation competency course in 2007. She is currently the Chair of Georgia Neurology Physical therapy special interest group. Melissa has also been a grand rounds presenter and assists with neurology and vestibular teaching for DPT students at Emory University and Georgia State University. Additionally, she teaches several national vestibular and neurology continuing education courses, including a beginning vestibular rehabilitation course for the APTA. Melissa specializes in concussion management, vestibular rehabilitation, neurological PT treatment, and fall prevention. She practices neurologic physical therapy in an outpatient setting in Georgia and runs national Balance & Dizziness and Concussion programs including program development and mentoring.

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Select Medical is recognized by the Board of Certification, Inc. to offer continuing education for Certified Athletic Trainers. This activity is approved for 14 Category A hours. Select Medical is an approved provider with the American Occupational Therapy Association. This course is approved by the Florida Board of Physical Therapy Practice.
Course Description
This evidence-based course is designed to look beyond the basics of vestibular rehabilitation. We will explore additional pathology, testing, and treatments typically not covered in introductory courses. This material can be used to provide learners with better management strategies for this complicated patient population in order to achieve more successful outcomes. Utilizing lectures, lab, interactive discussions, and case presentations, this course will prepare the learner to make the most appropriate clinical management decisions with vestibular patients. It is highly recommended that you have taken a vestibular rehabilitation course prior to taking this course.

Course Objectives
After successful completion of this course, participants will be able to do the following:

1. Describe at least two assessment tools that can be used to assess a patient with complaints of dizziness
2. Perform at least two treatment techniques to address the more complicated dizzy patient
3. Recognize signs and symptoms of someone who may have a functional neurological disorder
4. Interpret the results of non clinical vestibular tests (ie VEMP/VNGs)
5. Describe components of a vestibular rehabilitation plan for the more complicated dizzy patient