

# VECAP Educational Webinar (VEW) September Presentation

VECAP Educational Webinars (VEW) are presentations designed to provide **VECAP members** with information related to the field of vocational evaluation and career assessments to enhance the services to the clients and the field.



<b>PRESENTATION</b>	Vocational Implications of Irlen Syndrome
<b>WHEN</b>	Thursday, <u>September 21, 2023</u> 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm ET/2:00 pm to 3:30 pm CT
<b>PRESENTERS (Name and title of presenters)</b>	SolLuna Flores - Nebraska VR Career Planning Specialist/Evaluator and Certified Irlen® <i>Screeener</i>

**\*1.5 CEU's will be available for attending live session\***

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## Brief Description

“Irlen Syndrome is a type of visual or perceptual processing disorder. Someone with a visual or perceptual processing disorder has difficulty making sense of visual information. This is different from problems involving sight or vision. When an individual suffers from Irlen Syndrome, their brain has difficulty processing certain wavelengths of light. In this way, light (especially bright and fluorescent lighting) becomes a stressor on the brain. This stress causes certain parts of the brain (e.g., the visual cortex) to become overactive. It is this over-activity and inability to effectively process visual stimuli that creates a variety of visual, physical, cognitive, emotional, and neurological symptoms. Light sensitivity is very common with Irlen Syndrome. Irlen Syndrome is hereditary and tends to run in families, affecting males and females equally. However, an individual can also acquire symptoms of Irlen Syndrome as a result of illness, medical procedures, or traumatic brain injury (or concussion).”

Irlen is often seen in the VR population; people diagnosed with ADHD, Dyslexia, Behavioral issues, clients who refuse to take assessments or take much longer than the normal person, TBI's, etc.

It is imperative to screen for Irlen syndrome not only for quality of life for the individual but also in regard to most accurately evaluating individuals with other assessments.

## Objectives

Participants will be able to:

1. Identify what Irlen Syndrome is and who it affects.
2. Know how Irlen is identified.
3. Understand how individuals with Irlen Syndrome can be accommodated.