



## PROFILE

Dr. Simic was born in Belgrade, Serbia. Her family moved to the Chicago area when she was 15 years old. She grew up in LaGrange, IL., and now resides in Lincolnwood with her husband and three children. Growing up, Dr. Simic always knew she “wanted to work in the medical field, helping people.” Her grandfather had a severe form of AMD and as a young child, she would accompany him on all of his specialty exams. This experience triggered her interest in Optometry. Dr. Simic graduated from Loyola University, Chicago, and the Illinois College of Optometry. After graduation, she remained in Illinois to practice because “Illinois is home.”



## BOARD MEMBER FEATURE:

Vesna Simic, O.D.

Pediatric and Binocular Vision Adjunct Professor

### WHAT SHE LOVES MOST ABOUT HER JOB

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“Meeting different people and their families, helping them overcome visual and functional challenges. “

### UNUSUAL OR SURPRISING DIAGNOSIS

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Cavernous hemangioma

### ADVICE FOR NEW OPTOMETRISTS

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“You are here to change patients’ lives – don’t be afraid to be the best you can be! Always go with your gut feeling, that will lead you in the right direction! “

### HOBBIES

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“I love spending time with my husband and kids, and I’m very involved with my youngest’s swimming career. I love to read and cook.”

### SOMETHING YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT DR. SIMIC

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She is Board Certified in Vision Development and Rehabilitation by the College of Optometrists in Vision Development. Her fellowship process was completed during the shelter in place of the coronavirus epidemic. She has been serving the Serbian and Balkan community as a Park Ridge Optometrist since 2001 and “finds immense joy in improving patients’ lives by improving their vision.”

Dr. Simic has also been part of The Progressive Myopia Center of Park Ridge Vision Since 2013. The center is dedicated to protecting vision in patients with myopia.