Directory of University Programs in Visual Impairments

This is a listing of programs that provide training to professionals who primarily work with students with visual impairments. Please contact individual programs for updated information as it changes often.
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Below is a listing of programs that provide training to professionals in visual impairments. This information is also available on the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired’s website.

http://www.tsbvi.edu/pds/498-college-and-university-programs

College and University Programs

This Directory includes colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand that offer courses in education and rehabilitation of people who are visually impaired, Deafblind, or have multiple disabilities.

The programs are listed alphabetically, by country, state and province, and include the following information as appropriate for each program.

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- Academic
- Distance Education

*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid. Restrictions may apply.

All of the programs listed here may not necessarily have met the university guidelines established by AER divisions.

The contents in this directory are subject to change at any time. Please check these links often for updates.

http://www.tsbvi.edu/pds/498-college-and-university-programs

This information is constantly changing. Please contact individual universities for more information or updates.
Australia

Flinders University
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Adelaide 5001
South Australia

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Fax:       61 8 8 201 3184
Email:     Carolyn.Palmer@flinders.edu.au

- Orientation and Mobility
- Multiple Disability
- Visually Impaired
- Deafblind
- Rehabilitation Teaching
- Graduate – Certificate
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Graduate – Doctoral level
- Summer
- Academic Year
- Distance Education (Flexible Delivery: ITV, Internet)

URL: [http://www.flinders.edu.au/](http://www.flinders.edu.au/)

* Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial ad Master of Education (Special Education) in which they can take all topics in areas relating to Studies in Vision Impairment (1&2), Orientation and Mobility, Braille, Counseling. A practicum is also an option, and topics in hearing impairment are also available online.

**NOTES:** Students can undertake a graduate certificate in education (Vision Impairment)
University of Newcastle/Renwick Center
Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children
Private Bag 29
Parramatta NSW 2124
Australia

VI Contact: Dr. Michael Steer [Not clear information is correct... have sent clarifying email]
Phone: 61 2 9872 0814 or
Phone: 61 2 9873 1614
Email: rcms@cc.newcastle.edu.au
Fax: 215-780-1357

- Orientation and Mobility
- Multiple impairments
- Visually impaired
- Travel instruction
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Graduate – Doctoral level
- Distance learning via outreach
- Distance learning via other methods or a combination of methods
- Summer
- Academic year

Canada

British Columbia

The University of British Columbia

Scarfe 2311
2125 Main Mall
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z4

Contact: Dr. Cay Holbrook
Phone: 604-822-2235
Fax: 604-822-3302
Email: Cay.Holbrook@ubc.ca

• Visual Impairments
• Graduate – Master’s level
• Graduate – Doctoral level
• Distance education via the Internet

Note: Graduate Programs in Visual Impairment, it is formally called a Master’s in Special Education with emphasis on Visual Impairment. It is designed for teachers of students with VI.

Note: Students spend the summer at UBC and complete the remainder of the course via the Internet.
URL: http://www.ecps.educ.ubc.ca/visual/courses_ma.htm

Nova Scotia

Mount Saint Vincent University

University Mount Saint Vincent
166 Bedford Hwy
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3M 2J6

Contact: Dr. Frederick French
Phone: 902-457-6186
Fax: 902-457-4911
Email: Frederick.french@msvu.ca

Contact: Faith Roach, Graduate Students
Phone: 902-457-6341
Email: faith.roach@msvu.ca
• Visual Impairments
• Graduate level – Masters
• Distance learning via on-site in summers with combination of internet, correspondence, video tape, and teleconferencing during the academic year.


Ontario

Mohawk College
11 Elgin St.
Brantford, ON N3T 5V2

Contact: Dr. Mary-Maureen Snook-Hill
Phone: 519-758-6029
Fax: 519-758-6043
Email: mary-maureen.atkin@mohawkcollege.ca

• Orientation and Mobility
• Rehabilitation teaching
• Graduate level*
• Academic Year

*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, and other financial aid.

URL: http://www.mohawkcollege.ca/Schools/healthSciences.html
University of Western Ontario
    Continuing Teacher Education
    Faculty of Education
    1137 Western Road
    London, ON N6G 1G7

Contact: Claire Organ
Phone: 519-661-2092
Email: conted@uwo.ca

- Visually Impaired
- Deaf and hard of hearing
- Distance learning via Internet

Note: Three courses leading to specialist qualifications:
- Teaching students who are blind, Part 1, 2, Specialist

These Additional Qualifications (A.Q.) courses for teachers are available online. Details are available in the calendar at the website indicated below.

URL: http://www.edu.uwo.ca/conted/ag/subject/blind.asp
New Zealand

Massey University
School of Health Sciences
Rehabilitation Studies Programme
Private Bag 11222
Palmerston North
New Zealand

Rehabilitation Contact: Dr Gretchen Good
Phone: +64-6-356-9099
Fax: +64-6-350-5668
Email: g.a.good@massey.ac.nz

- Orientation and mobility
- Rehabilitation teaching
- Rehabilitation counseling
- Graduate – Postgraduate Diploma
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Graduate – Doctoral level
- Academic year

URL: http://www.massey.ac.nz
United States

Alabama

The University of Alabama at Birmingham
Visual Impairments Program
Department of Special Education
Education Building Room 2321
Birmingham, AL 35294

Contact: Dr. Mary-Jean Sanspree
Phone: 205-934-3440 or 975-5351
Fax: 205-934-6722
Email: sanspree@aub.edu

Contact: Ms. Carol Allison
Phone: 205-975-5481
Fax: 205-975-7581
Email: callison@aub.edu

- Multiple disability*
- Visually impaired*
- Deafblind*
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Summer
- Academic year
- Distance learning via internet
- Distance learning via outreach
- Distance learning via combination of methods

Note: * Financial aid available only to Alabama residents. Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid. Restrictions may apply.

URL: http://www.ed.uab.edu/specialeducation/index.htm
Arizona

University of Arizona
Department of Disability and Psychoeducational Studies
Education Building, Room 412
PO Box 210069
Tucson, AZ 85721

Contact: Dr. Jane Erin
Phone: 520-621-0945
Email: Jerin@email.arizona.edu

- Visually impaired*
- Orientation and mobility*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- (post-masters)
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Graduate – Doctoral level
- Summer
- Academic year

Note: * Financial aid will depend on status of grants. Contact the University for more, current information. Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid. Restrictions may apply.
Note: This program has been reviewed and approved by Division 17, the Professional Preparation Division of AERBVI.
URL: http://www.uacoe.arizona.edu/vi/
Arkansas

University of Arkansas – Little Rock
  College of Education
  Teacher Education Department (TED)
  Dept of Counseling, Adult & Rehabilitation Education (CARE)
  2801 S. University
  Little Rock, AR 72204

Teacher Education Department (TED)
**VI Contact:** Dr. Angela Sewall, Dean
**Phone:** 501-683-7088
**Email:** amsweall@ualr.edu

Dept of Counseling, Adult & Rehabilitation Education (CARE)
**O&M Contact:** Dr. William Jacobson
**Phone:** 501-569-8505
**Email:** WHJacobson@UALR.Edu

**Rehabilitation Counseling Contact:** Dr. Larry Dickerson
**Phone:** 501-569-3428
**Email:** lrdickerson@ualr.edu

**Rehabilitation Teaching Contact:**
Dr. Pat Bussen Smith
**Phone:** 501-569-3169
**Email:** PBSmith@UALR.edu

- Visually Impaired
- Orientation and mobility
- Rehabilitation counseling
- Rehabilitation teaching
- Distance education
- Graduate - certification/licensure only
- Graduate - master's level*
- Summer
- Academic year

Weblinks:
**URL:** http://ualr.edu/ma/rhblr/
**RT URL:** http://ualr.edu/ma/rhblr/
**O&M URL:** http://ualr.edu/ma/RHBL0/
California

California State University - Los Angeles

Division of Special Education
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032

TVI Contact: Dr. Cheryl Kamei-Hannan, Ph. D.
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Email:

O&M Contact: Dr. Diane Fazzi, Ph. D, COMS
Email: dfazzi@calstatela.edu
OR
Ms. Brenda Naimy, COMS
Email: bnaimy@calstatela.edu

- Visually impaired*
- Multiple impairments*
- Orientation and mobility
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master’s level8*
- Graduate – Doctoral level*
- Academic year
- Distance learning via the internet
- Distance learning via face-to-face

URL: www.calstatela.edu/academic/ccoe/
*Financial aid is available through the CSULA financial office. Also, students may apply for federal grant funding through OSEP when available.

San Diego State University

Department of Communication Disorders
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego, CA 92182-1518

Contact: Dr. Kathee Christensen, Coordinator
Phone: 619-594-6137
Email: kchriste@mail.sdsu.edu

- Deafblind*
• Multiple disabilities
• Deaf and hard of hearing
• Graduate – Certification/licensure only

**URL:** [www.sdsu.edu](http://www.sdsu.edu)

*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid.

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**San Francisco State University**

Department of Special Education  
1600 Holloway Ave  
San Francisco, CA 94132

**O&M Contact:** Dr. Sandra Rosen  
**Phone:** 415-338-1245  
**Email:** srosen@sfsu.edu

**VI Contact:** Dr. Amanda Lueck  
**Phone:** 415-338-1080  
**Email:** amandal@sfsu.edu

• Visually impaired*  
• Orientation and mobility*  
• Graduate – Certification/licensure only*  
• Graduate – Master’s level*  
• Graduate – Doctoral level  
• Distance learning options for VI Program  
• Summer  
• Academic year

**VI:** [http://online.sfsu.edu/~amandal/viwelcome.htm](http://online.sfsu.edu/~amandal/viwelcome.htm)  
**O&M:** [http://online.sfsu.edu/~mobility/](http://online.sfsu.edu/~mobility/)

*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid. Restrictions may apply.

**Note:** Stipends are offered to students in both credential and master’s programs.
Colorado

University of Northern Colorado
Division of Special Education
501 20 Street
Greeley, CO 80639

VI and O&M Contact: Dr. Silvea Correa-Torres
Phone: 970-351-1651
Email: silvia.correa-torres@uco.edu

VI and O&M Contact: Dr. Paula Conroy
Phone: 970-351-1651
Email: paula.conroy@unco.edu

- Visually impaired
- Orientation and mobility
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only*
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Graduate – Doctoral level*
- Summer
- Academic year
- Distance learning via internet

URL: www.unco.edu/cebs/sped/prospective/Vision/index.html
Florida

Florida State University
2205L Stone Bldg.
Tallahassee, FL 32306-4459

VI Contact: Dr. Sandra Lewis
Phone: 850-644-8407
Email: Slewis@fsu.edu

- Visually impaired*
- Multiply impaired*
- Orientation and mobility*
- Undergraduate (VI only, no longer O&M)*
- Graduate – Master’s level with or without certification*
- Graduate – Doctoral level*
- Academic year
- Distance learning via outreach at St. Petersburg College, Largo, FL, Miami, FL and in Atlanta, GA.

URL: www.careersinblindness.com
Illinois

Illinois State University
Low Vision and Blindness Program
Department of Special Education
Campus Box 5910
Normal, IL 61790-5910

**VI Contact:** Dr. Chris Clark
**Phone:** 309-438-8957
**Email:** cclark@ilstu.edu

**VI Contact:** Dr. Stacy Kelly
**Phone:** (309) 438-8986
**Email:** skelly@ilstu.edu

- Visually impaired
- Undergraduate
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Doctoral level*
- Academic year

**URL:** [http://www.specialeducation.ilstu.edu/undergrad/vision.shtml](http://www.specialeducation.ilstu.edu/undergrad/vision.shtml)

**Note:** This program has been reviewed and approved by NCATE.
*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid.

Northern Illinois University
Dept of Teaching and Learning (TLRN)
Dekalb, IL 60115
Phone: 815-753-8459
Fax: 815-753-8594

**VI & RT Contact:** Dr. Gaylen Kapperman **Phone:** 815-753-8453
**Email:** gkapperman@niu.edu

**VI & O&M Contact:** Jodi Sticken
**Phone:** 815-753-8456
**Email:** jsticken@niu.edu

- Visually impaired*
- Rehabilitation teaching
• Orientation and mobility
• Undergraduate*
• Graduate – Master’s level
• Summer* (O&M only for already certified TVIs)
• Academic year*

**URL:** [www.vision.niu.edu](http://www.vision.niu.edu)

**Note:** This program has been reviewed and approved by Division 17, the Professional Preparation Division of AERBVI and NCATE.

*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid.
Indiana

Ball State University/Indiana State University

Collaborative Program
Project Vision – Blumberg Center
Bayh College of Education, University Hall 009W
Indiana State University
Terre Haute, IN 47809

VI Contact: Sharon Bryan
Phone 800-622-3035
Fax: 812-237-8089
Email: Sharon.Bryan@indstate.edu

- Visually impaired*
- Graduate – Licensure only
- Distance Education (with, at least, one face-to-face weekend seminar and one face-to-face class per semester).

URL: [www.indstate.edu/blumberg/pv/distanceeducation.htm](http://www.indstate.edu/blumberg/pv/distanceeducation.htm)

*Some financial support is available (textbooks, lodging for weekend seminars) for Indiana residents who are currently teaching on emergency permits in the field of blind/low vision.

Note: Applicants must already hold or be eligible for an Indiana teaching license in Mild Interventions. Applicants apply and go through the program as members of a cohort. Priority for acceptance into a cohort is given to individuals currently teaching on an emergency permit in the field of blind/low vision.
Iowa

University of Northern Iowa

Department of Special Education
Schindler Education Bldg R158
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Contact: Sunggye Hong
Phone: 319-273-7954
Fax: 319-273-7852
Email: sunggye.hong@uni.edu

- Visually impaired*
- Undergraduate
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Summer Courses
- Academic year
- Distance learning via interactive video
- Distance learning via outreach
- Distance learning via combination

URL: www.uni.edu/majors/coe/speced/index.shtml
Note: Distance learning via interactive video is limited to Iowa residents.
Kentucky

University of Louisville

  Teacher Preparation (Visual Impairments)
  Department of Teaching and Learning
  College of Education and Human Development
  Louisville, KY 40292

VI Contact: Dr. William Penrod
Phone: 502-852-0557
Email: wpenrod@louisville.edu

• Visually impaired
• Orientation and mobility
• Graduate – Certification/licensure only
• Graduate – Master’s level*
• Graduate – Doctoral level
• Summer
• Academic year
• Distance learning via the internet
• Distance learning via outreach
• Distance learning via other methods, or a combination of methods

URL: http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/med-spe.html
Louisiana

University of New Orleans
  Department of Special Education and Habilitative Services
  Lakefront Education Bldg, Rm. 246
  New Orleans, LA 70148

Contact: Dr. Randall Scott
Phone: 504-280-6609
Fax: 504-280-5588
Email: rlscott@uno.edu

- Visually impaired*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Graduate – Doctoral level
- Academic year
- Summer
- Distance learning via internet under development

URL: http://coehd.uno.edu/sehs/
*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, and other financial aid.
Massachusetts

Boston College
  Department of Curriculum, Administration and Special Education
  Campion Hall, 211
  Chestnut Hill, MA 02167

Deafblind Contact: Patricia Mason
Phone: 617-552-8431
Email: patricia.mason@bc.edu
OR
Deafblind Contact: Dr. Susan Bruce
Phone: 617-552-4239
Email: susan.bruce@bc.edu

- Deafblind
- Multiply impaired
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master’s level*
- Summer
- Academic year

URL: http://www.bc.edu/schools/lsoe/
Note: This program has been reviewed and approved by NCATE.
*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial.

University of Massachusetts-Boston
  Northeast Regional Center for Vision Education
  Institute for Community Inclusion
  College of Education and Human Development
  100 Morrissey Blvd.
  Boston, MA 02125

Vision Studies Contact: Laura Bozeman, Ph. D, COMS, CLVT, Assoc. Professor/Director
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TVI Contact: Marybeth Dean
Phone: 617-287-7668
Email: Marybeth.dean@umb.edu
O&M / VRT Contact: Paul Kosier  
Phone: 617-287-7584  
Email: paul.kosier@umb.edu

- Teacher of students with VI  
- Orientation and mobility  
- Vision rehabilitation therapy  
- Visually impaired  
- Rehabilitation counseling  
- Graduate – Certificate (O&M, VRT)*  
- Graduate – Master’s level*  
- Academic year  
- Summer  
- Distance learning via Blackboard Vista

O&M / TVI URL: [http://www.nercve.org/](http://www.nercve.org/)  
Rehabilitation and Counseling URL: [www.umb.edu/academics/departments/gce/programs/counseling/](http://www.umb.edu/academics/departments/gce/programs/counseling/)  
Note: Scholarship funds are dependent on grant funding.
Michigan

Eastern Michigan University
  Dept of Special Education
  128 Porter Bldg.
  Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Contact: Dr. Alicia Li  
Phone: 734-487-7120, ext 2662  
Email: Alicia.Li@emich.edu

- Visually impaired
- Undergraduate
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Academic year
- Summer
- Distance learning under development

URL: www.emich.edu/coe/sped/index.html

Western Michigan University
  Department of Blindness and Low Vision Studies
  Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5111

Blind Rehabilitation Contact:  
Department Chair: James A. Leja, Ph.D.  
Phone: 269-387-2645  
Email: james.leja@wmich.edu

VI / O&M Contact: Dr. Annette Skellenger  
Phone: 269-387-3072  
Email: robert.wall@wmich.edu

O&M Adult Contact: Mr. David Guth  
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Email: david.guth@wmich.edu

Rehabilitation Therapist: Dr. Helen Lee  
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Email: helen.lee@wmich.edu

Rehabilitation Counseling: Dr. Jennipher Wiebold
Phone: 269-387-3459
Email: Jennipher.wiebold@wmich.edu

- Visually impaired
- Orientation and mobility, adults and children
- Rehabilitation counseling
- Rehabilitation teaching
- Travel instruction
- Undergraduate
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Summer
- Academic year
- Distance learning via combination of methods

URL: www.wmich.edu/hhs/blvs/programs.htm

*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid.
MINNESOTA

Southwest Missouri State University

901 South National Ave.
Springfield, MO 65804

Contact: Clayton Keller
Phone: 612-638-1537
Email: clay.keller@metroecsu.org

- Visually impaired*
- Certification only
- Graduate – Certification/licensure-only
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Distance learning via internet
- Distance learning combination
- Academic year
- Summer

URL: http://www.mnlowincidenceprojects.org/iheresources.html

Note: This is a collaborative project with 5 university project partners. Students are enrolled in two universities: one for their core courses, and one to meet the requirements necessary for licensure as a teacher for students who are blind or visually impaired. For more information about this unique arrangement, please visit the URL above.
Missouri

Southwest Missouri State University

901 South National Ave.
Springfield, MO 65804

Contact: Paul Ajuwon
Phone: 417-836-5397
Fax: 417-836-4884
Email: ppa131f@smsu.edu

- Visually impaired*
- Certification only
- Master’s degree
- Distance learning via internet
- Distance learning combination
- Academic year
- Summer

URL: http://southwestmissouri.stateuniversity.com/

Note: This program has been reviewed and approved by the State of Missouri and NCATE, and is aligned with AERBVI and CEC standards. Tuition reimbursement is available for Missouri residents.

*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid.
Nebraska

University of Nebraska – Lincoln

Department of Special Education  
202G Barkley Center  
Lincoln, NE 68583-0732

VI Contact: Tessa Wright  
Phone: 402-472-6636  
Email: twright5@unl.edu

- Visually impaired*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master’s level*
- Online classes in fall and spring, summers face to face

URL: [www.unl.edu/barkley/sped/vi/](http://www.unl.edu/barkley/sped/vi/)

Note: Courses take place in Nebraska City at the Nebraska Center for the Education of Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired. Participants attend courses for 2 summers.  
* Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid.
New Mexico

New Mexico State University
PO Box 30001/MSC3SPE
Special Education/Communication Disorders
Las Cruces, NM 88003

Contact: Dr. Jackie Wood
Phone: 575-646-4121 OR 515-430-1314
Email: jwood@nmsu.edu

- Visual impairment*
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Graduate – Certification only
- Summer
- Academic year
- Distance learning via outreach
- Distance learning via internet
- Distance learning via combination

URL: http://education.nmsu.edu/sped/index.html
Note: Financial support limited to New Mexico residents with existing teaching certification.
Note: NCATE approved. AER approval in process.
Note: Program support is provided by the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
New York

Dominican College
470 Western Hwy
Orangeburg, NY 10962

Contact: Dr. Charles Farnsworth
Phone: 845-848-4084
Email: charles.farnsworth@dc.edu

- Visually impaired*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Academic year
- Summer
- Distance learning via combination approaches

URL: http://dc.edu/academics.aspx?id=374
*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid.
*VI teacher training via distance learning requires periodic visits to campus on Sundays.

Hunter College of the City University of New York
Dept of Special Education
695 Park Ave.
New York, NY 10021

Contact: Dr. Rosanne Silberman
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Email: rsilberman@hunter.cuny.edu

Contact: Dr. Ellen Trief
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Email: etrief@hunter.cuny.edu

Contact: Dr. Grace Ambrose-Zaken
Phone: 212-772-4741
Email: gambrose@hunter.cuny.edu

- Visually impaired
- Multiply impaired
- Deafblind
- Orientation and mobility
• Rehabilitation teaching
• Graduate – Certification/licensure only
• Graduate – Master’s level*
• Academic year
• Distance learning via internet

URL: http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/school-of-education/programs/graduate/special-education/blind-visually-impaired
Video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWcC6pLVtE
*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid.

Teachers College, Columbia University
Program for Educators of Learners with Blindness and Visual Impairments
Department of Health and Behavior Studies
Teachers College
525 West 120th Street, Box 223
New York, NY 10027

Contact: Peg Cummins, Ph.D.
Phone: 212-678-3878
Email: pc2311@columbia.edu

• Multiple disabilities
• Visually impaired*
• Graduate – Master’s level
• Graduate – Doctoral level*
• Summer
• Academic year
• Distance learning via the internet
• Distance learning via outreach
• Distance learning via combination of methods

URL:
* Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid.
North Carolina

North Carolina Central University
   Visual Impairment Training Program
   North Carolina Central University
   New School of Education
   712 Cecil Street
   Durham, NC 27707

VI and VIMI/DB Teaching Contact: Julie A. Bardin, COMS, Director of Visual Impairment Training Program

Phone: 919-530-5346 (NCCU)
Or 919-715-6342 (GMS)
Email: jbardin@nccu.edu
Fax: 919-715-1597

O&M and other Related Services Contact:
Dr. Brad R. Walker
Phone: 919-530-5179 (NCCU)
Or 919-715-6342 (GMS)
Email: brad.walker@ncmail.net
Fax: 919-715-6852

- Orientation and mobility
- Visual impairments
- Multiple impairments
- Deafblindness
- Vision rehabilitation
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Undergraduate/Certification – Deafblind Intervenors only
- Summers
- Academic year
- Distance learning via outreach
- Distance learning via combination of methods

URL: www.nccu-vitp.net

Note: Classes are taught on-campus at NCCU, at the Governor Morehead School for the Blind (GMS), and via distance learning options.

Note: Approved by AER division 17 and accredited by NCATE.
North Dakota

University of North Dakota
   Department of Teaching and Learning
   Special Education Program
   231 Centennial Drive STOP 7189
   Grand Forks, ND 58202-7189

Contact: Dr. Kari Chiasson
Phone: 701-777-3236
Email: kari.chiasson@und.nodak.edu

- Graduate – Master’s level*
- Distance learning

URL: www.und.edu/dept/tl/
Note: Program begins on even-numbered years. Participants attend 2 six-week summer sessions at the university. Participants complete independent study assignments during the academic year.
Note: Financial aid is limited and is competitive.
*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid.
Ohio

The Ohio State University

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- Visual Impairment
- Orientation and mobility
- Graduate - Licensure only
- Graduate - Master's level
- Graduate - Doctoral level
- Academic year and Summer

URL: [http://ehe.osu.edu/edtl/academics/med/](http://ehe.osu.edu/edtl/academics/med/) for Master’s program;
[http://ehe.osu.edu/edtl/academics/phd/](http://ehe.osu.edu/edtl/academics/phd/) for doctorate program (Note: Doctorate program is located in Language, Education, and Society)

Note: The VI courses are online with the exception of Orientation & Mobility (T&L 685) and Student Teaching (T&L 885.52). Other courses (reading, professional education) need to be taken onsite. For the online courses, there are monthly meetings per quarter. (Note: OSU will convert to a semester system in 2012).

Note: For the past few years, financial support has been available for tuition/fee waivers for Ohio teachers, who wish to add on the VI endorsement to a current certificate. Restrictions apply. Email Dr. Tiffany Wild for details.

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• Visually impaired
• Undergraduate
• Graduate – Certification/licensure only
• Graduate – Master’s level*
• Graduate – Doctoral level*

URL: www.utoledo.edu/

Note: Distance learning options under development.

Note: Financial aid is available on a competitive basis or based on grant funds. Limited state funds are available to assist in tuition.

*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid.
Oregon

Portland State University

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- Visually impaired*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only*
- Graduate – Master’s level*
- Graduate – Doctoral level*
- Summer*
- Academic year*
- Distance learning via internet*

URL: http://www.pdx.edu/sped/vil

Note: Distance learning participants attend PSU on campus for one summer and receive reminder via internet.
*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid.
Pennsylvania

Kutztown University

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- Visually impaired
- Undergraduate*
- Academic year

URL: www.kutztown.edu/acad/coe/spced/
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Salus University

College of Education and Rehabilitation
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- Orientation and mobility*
- Multiply impaired*
- Visually impaired*
- Rehabilitation teaching*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only*
- Graduate – Master’s level*
- Distance learning via the internet
- Distance learning via combination methods
- Summer*
- Institute for face-to-face courses*
- Academic year*

URL: www.salus.edu/
Note: The TVI, VRT and O&M Programs have been reviewed and approved by AERBVI. AER does not approve LVR programs. Salus University, College of Education and Rehabilitation is approved by Middle States Commission of Higher Education.
*Financial support is nearly always available through federal grants/traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid.

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- Visually impaired*
- Orientation and mobility*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master’s level*
- Graduate – Doctoral level*
• Summer
• Academic year*
• Distance learning via internet*

URL: [www.education.pitt.edu/visionstudies/](http://www.education.pitt.edu/visionstudies/)
*Financial support may be available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid.

**Puerto Rico**

**University of Puerto Rico**

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College of Education  
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- Undergraduate
- Visual Impairment
- Academic year

**URL:**

**Note:** Candidates are admitted to the program only in August.  
**Note:** Program is for certification at the elementary level only.

**South Carolina**

**South Carolina State University**

Department of Human Services  
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• Orientation and mobility  
• Rehabilitation counseling  
• Graduate – Certification/licensure only  
• Graduate – Master’s level

**URL:** [http://www.scsu.edu/graduateprograms/rehabilitationcounseling.aspx](http://www.scsu.edu/graduateprograms/rehabilitationcounseling.aspx)  
**Note:** This university program does offer general training as a rehabilitation counselor. Candidates may request vision-specific training during their internship.

**University of South Carolina – Spartanburg**  
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• Visually Impaired  
• Graduate – master’s level  
• Distance learning via a combination of internet and on-site instructions

**URL:** [http://www.uscupstate.edu/graduate/default.aspx?id=3387](http://www.uscupstate.edu/graduate/default.aspx?id=3387)  
**Note:** Program requires 2 summers in Spartanburg. The remainder is via Distance Learning Methodologies Delivery.

**South Dakota**

**Northern State University**  
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• Visually impaired  
• Graduate – Certification/licensure only  
• Distance learning (under development, contact for more information)
• Undergraduate*
• Graduate – Master’s level

URL: www.northern.edu/Academics/Departments/Education/Special_Education/Pages/default.aspx

Note: Candidates must have, or be pursuing, an existing certificate: K-8, K-12, 7-12
*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid.


Tennessee

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- Visually impaired
- Undergraduate*
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Graduate – Doctoral level*
- Academic year

URL:
http://peabody.vanderbilt.edu/Special_Education/Special_Education_%28MEd%29/Visual_Disabilities_%28MEd%29.xml

Note: This program has been reviewed and approved by Division 17, the Professional Preparation Division of AERBVI.
Texas

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- Visually impaired
- Orientation and mobility
- Undergraduate*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only*
- Graduate – Master’s level*
- Summer
- Academic year
- Distance learning via outreach
- Distance learning via internet
- Distance learning via other methods or a combination of methods

URL: www.sfasu.edu/education/departments/humanservices/index.asp
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Texas Tech University

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- Visually impaired*  
- Orientation and mobility*  
- Deafblind*  
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only*  
- Graduate – Master’s level*  
- Summer  
- Academic year  
- Distance learning via hybrid

**Virginia Sowell Center URL**: [www.educ.ttu.edu/sowell/](http://www.educ.ttu.edu/sowell/)  
*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid. Restrictions may apply.*
Utah

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- Visually impaired
- Undergraduate*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only*
- Graduate – Master’s level*
- Summer*
- Academic year*
- Distance learning via combination of methods within state only

URL: www.ed.utah.edu/sped/

Note: This is a collaborative project between the University of Utah and Utah State University. The project is known as the Multi-University Consortium Preparation Training Program in Sensory Impairments.

*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid.
Virginia

Virginia Consortium for Teacher Preparation in Vision Impairment

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- Visually impaired*
- Graduate - certification/licensure only
- Graduate - master's degree
- Graduate - doctoral
- Academic year
- Summer
- Distance learning via combination of methods

URL: http://kihd.gmu.edu/teacher_prep_program/
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Partial financial assistance is available for most qualified applicants who have been accepted into the VI Consortium as well as their participating university.
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- Visually impaired*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Graduate – Doctoral level
- Academic year
- Summer
- Distance learning via internet
- Outreach

URL: http://marshall.edu/gsepd/special_ed.asp
*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid.
Wisconsin

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- Visually impaired*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Academic year
- Summer
- Distance learning via outreach

URL: http://www.sl.edu/specialedu/visualimpairment.asp
*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid.