About this Directory

Contained in this directory is a listing of programs that provide training to professionals in visual impairments. 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.

Areas(s) of study
- Orientation and Mobility
- Multiple Disabilities
- Visually Impaired
- Deafblind
- Rehabilitation Teaching
- Rehabilitation Education
- Travel Instruction

Degree level(s)
- Undergraduate
- Graduate – Certification/licensure-only
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Graduate – Doctoral level

Instructional option(s)
- Summer
- Academic
- Distance Education

* Asterisks indicate 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.

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United States

Alabama

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- 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.uab.edu/education/home/teacher-education-program/special-education

University of Arizona

Department of Disability and Psychoeducational Studies: Specialization in Visual Impairments

College of Education/DPS
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- Visually impaired*
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- 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 and Health Professions
Dept. of Counseling, Adult & Rehabilitation Education (CARE)
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URL: http://ualr.edu/ma/RHBLO/
Rehabilitation Counseling Program Contact: Dr. Ray Ortega, Coordinator
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URL: http://ualr.edu/ma/coun/
- Orientation and mobility
- Rehabilitation counseling
- Distance education
- Graduate - Certification/licensure only (Online O&M Certification)
- Graduate - Master's level* (Online MA in O&M and Counseling with emphasis in Rehabilitation Counseling)
- Summer
- Academic year

Note: The online O&M Certificate includes 2 three week summer terms in Little Rock

California

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- Visually impaired*
- Multiple impairments*
- Orientation and mobility
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master's level*
- 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.

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- Visually impaired*
University Directory for Programs in Visual Impairments

- Academic year

VI:  http://www.sfsu.edu/~visimp/
O&M: 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.

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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.unco.edu/cebs/sped/prospective/Visi
n/index.html

Florida

Florida State University
College of Education
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Tallahassee, FL 32306-4459

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- Visually impaired
- Multiply impaired
- Orientation and mobility
- Undergraduate (VI)
- Graduate – Master’s level with or without certification*
- Graduate – Doctoral level*
- Academic year
- Distance learning via outreach at St. Petersburg College, Largo, FL

URL:
http://explorefsucoe.com/curriculum-and-
instruction-visual-disabilities
http://www.academic-
guide.fsu.edu/Special_Education_visual_disabiliti
es.html
https://www.fsu.edu/news/2010/11/16/visually.im
paired/
Illinois

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- Visually impaired
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Undergraduate
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Graduate – Doctoral level*
- Academic year
URL: https://education.illinoisstate.edu/vision/

Note: This program has been reviewed and approved by NCATE.

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

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TVI, O&M, & RT Contact: Dr. Gaylen Kapperman, Professor Emeritus Phone: 815-753-8453 Email: gkapperman@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: http://cedu.niu.edu/seed/academic/vision/
URL: 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 PASS Project – Blumberg Center Bayh College of Education, University Hall 009 Indiana State University 401 North 7th Street Terre Haute, IN 47809 Phone: 812-237-2830 Fax: 812-237-8089 VI Contact: Marcee Wilburn, Project Coordinator Phone: 812-237-8115 Fax: 812-237-8089 Email: marcee.wilburn@indstate.edu
- Visually impaired*
- Undergraduate*
- Graduate – Licensure only
- Distance Education (with, at least, one face-to-face weekend seminar and one face-to-face class per semester).
URL: https://www.indstate.edu/academics/online/graduate/certificate-licensure/visual

*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 is given to individuals currently teaching on an emergency permit in the field of blind/low vision.

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Lexington, KY 40506-0001

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- Visually Impaired
- Graduate – Certification/Licensure-only
- Summer
- Academic
- Distance Education

Louisiana

Louisiana Tech University
Professional Development and Research Institute on Blindness
Louisiana Tech University
P.O. Box 3158
Ruston, LA 71272

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- Orientation and Mobility*
- Visually Impaired*

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

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Department of Special Education and Habilitative Services
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URL: http://www.uno.edu/trac/
http://www.uno.edu/coehd/add-on-certifications.aspx

*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, and other financial aid.
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Department of Teacher Education/Special Education
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- Deafblind
- Multiply impaired
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master’s level*
- Summer
- Academic year

URL: [http://www.bc.edu/schools/lsoe/academics/departments/teseci/graduate/medspecial.html](http://www.bc.edu/schools/lsoe/academics/departments/teseci/graduate/medspecial.html)

Note: This program has been reviewed and approved by NCATE.

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

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- Teacher of students with Visual Impairment
- Orientation and Mobility
- Vision Rehabilitation therapy
- Graduate – Certificate (O&M, VRT)*
- Graduate – Master’s level* (M. Ed. Vision Studies)
- Academic year
- Summer
- Distance learning via Blackboard Learn

URL: [http://www.nercve.org/](http://www.nercve.org/)
URL: [https://www.umb.edu/academics/sgisd/grad/global_inclusion_and_social_development_ma](https://www.umb.edu/academics/sgisd/grad/global_inclusion_and_social_development_ma)

Note: Scholarship funds are dependent on grant funding.

Figure 1 A young man with low vision simultaneously reads and listens to text using an iPad.
**Michigan**

**Eastern Michigan University**

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- 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](http://www.emich.edu/coe/sped/index.html)

**Western Michigan University**

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- 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: [https://wmich.edu/visionstudies](https://wmich.edu/visionstudies)

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

*Figure 2 A young woman with deafblindness leans about flowers during a shopping trip with her teacher.*
Missouri

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- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Orientation and Mobility
- Blindness and Low Vision
- Certification only
- Graduate – Certification/licensure-only
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Distance learning via internet
- Distance learning combination
- Academic year
- Summer and Fall admissions

URL: http://education.missouristate.edu/sped/graduate/default.htm

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.

Nebraska

University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders
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Special Education/Communication Disorders
Las Cruces, NM 88003

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- Autism and severe disabilities
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Visually Impaired
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master’s level
- Online classes in fall and spring, summers face to face

URL: http://cehs.unl.edu/secd/visual-impairments/

Note: 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

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- 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

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


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

O&M Contact: Dr. Grace Ambrose-Zaken
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- 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](http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/school-of-education/programs/graduate/special-education/blind-visually-impaired)

URL: [http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/school-of-education/programs/graduate/special-education/blind-visually-impaired](http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/school-of-education/programs/graduate/special-education/blind-visually-impaired)

Video: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlWcC6pLVtE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlWcC6pLVtE)

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

North Carolina

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- Orientation and Mobility
- Visual impairments
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
North Dakota

University of North Dakota
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- Certification – Autism Spectrum Disorder
- 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.

Ohio

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College of Education & Human Ecology
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- Deaf Education and Hard of Hearing
- Visual Impairment
- Orientation and mobility
- Graduate - Licensure only
- Graduate - Master’s level
- Graduate - Doctoral level
- Academic year and Summer

URL: http://tl.ehe.osu.edu/master-education-med/visual-impairment

Oregon

Portland State University
Graduate School of Education Special Education
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Portland, OR 97207-0751

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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: This is a part time, two year program. Graduate students attend PSU on campus for three weeks in the summer year and the remaining courses online.
*Financial support is available through graduate assistantships, scholarships, or other financial aid.

**Pennsylvania**

**Kutztown University**
Department of Special Education
15200 Kutztown Road
Kutztown, PA 19530
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- Visually impaired
- Undergraduate (B.S. in Education in Visual Impairments)
- Graduate Visual Impairment Certification
- Academic year

URL: http://www.kutztown.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/education/departments/special-education/programs/visual-impairment-program.htm

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

**Salus University**
College of Education and Rehabilitation
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Elkins Park, PA 19027
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O&M Masters and Certificate Programs Contact:
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Vision Rehabilitation Teaching Masters and Certificate Programs Contact: Lachelle Smith, Director
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National Leadership Consortium for Sensory Disabilities Contact: Dr. Brooke Smith, Project Coordinator
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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: 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.

**University of Pittsburgh**
Vision Studies Program
5332 Wesley W. Posvar Hall
230 South Bouquet Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

*Program Coordinator Contact: Dr. Tessa McCarthy*
Phone: 412-648-7308
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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 - Rio Piedras**
College of Education
Department of Curriculum and Instruction
PO Box 23304
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00931

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Fax: 787-763-4130

- Undergraduate
- Visual Impairment
- Academic year

URL: [http://educacion.uprrp.edu/](http://educacion.uprrp.edu/)

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
PO Box 7356
Orangeburg, SC 29117

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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 Upstate**
800 University Way
Spartanburg, SC 29303

*Director of USCS Graduate Programs*
*Contact: Dr. Tina Herzberg*
Phone: 864-503-5551
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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 1 summer in Spartanburg. The remainder is via Distance Learning Methodologies Delivery.
South Dakota

Northern State University
Department of Special Education
1200 South Jay Street
Aberdeen, SC 57401

VI Contact: Dr. Kelly Duncan, Dean of Education
Phone: 605-626-2415
Fax: 605-626-3102
Email: education@northern.edu
- 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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Texas

Stephen F. Austin State University

Figure 3 SFASU logo.
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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: http://www2.sfasu.edu/visual-impairment/
*Financial support is available through traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid. Restrictions may apply.
Texas Tech University

Figure 4 TTU logo.

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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: http://www.depts.ttu.edu/education/outreach-and-research/sowell
Reach Across Texas and Teach
URL: http://www.depts.ttu.edu/education/outreach-and-research/sowell/students/cert-application.php

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Utah

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- Visually impaired
- Deafblind (certification/licensure only)
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- 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, known as the Multi-University Consortium Teacher Preparation 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/vi](http://kihd.gmu.edu/vi)  
[https://kihd.gmu.edu/training-grants/teacher-prep-program/](https://kihd.gmu.edu/training-grants/teacher-prep-program/)

*Partial financial assistance is available for most qualified applicants who have been accepted into the VI Consortium as well as their participating university.

**West Virginia**

**Marshall University**

College of Education and Professional Development:  
Graduate and Professional Developments Programs  
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- Visually impaired*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master's level
- Graduate – Doctoral level
- Academic year
- Summer
- Distance learning via internet

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

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

*Figure 5 A young woman with her O&M Instructor prepares to board a bus.*
**Australia**

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- 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 aid. We offer a Graduate Certificate in Education (Vision Impairment) which articulates into the Master of Education (Special Education). Students can take most topics in areas relating to Studies in Vision Impairment (1&2), Braille, Counseling. A practicum is also an option, and topics in hearing impairment are also available online. We no longer offer the Master of Education for Orientation and Mobility.

**NOTES:** Students can undertake a graduate certificate in education (Vision Impairment)

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- 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

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- Blindness and Visual Impairment
- Graduate – Master’s
- Graduate – Doctorate
- Graduate Certificate – Orientation and Mobility
- Hybrid Program – Summers on campus and on-line courses Spring and Fall terms

Note: Graduate Programs in Visual Impairment, it is formally called a Master’s in Special Education with a concentration in blindness and visual Impairment. The Master's program is designed to prepare teachers of students with visual impairment

Note: Students spend the summer at UBC and complete the other courses on-line from a distance.

The URLs are updated. Here is the URL for the Med, M.A. and the O&M graduate certificate:

http://ecps.educ.ubc.ca/special-education/graduate-concentrations/med-concentrations/blindness-and-visual-impairment/
http://pdce.educ.ubc.ca/orientation-and-mobility/

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- Graduate programs for teachers of the blind and visually impaired
- Graduate level – Masters (M. Ed in Education Psychology with a concentration in teaching learners who are blind or visually impaired. Also offering an M. Ed in Education Psychology with a concentration in teaching learners who are deaf or hard of hearing. Curriculum Studies: supporting learners with diverse needs and exceptionalities)
- On-Site summer program with a distance learning program during the academic year and spring session using Moodle, Collaborate, and other distance delivery options

Ontario

**University of Western Ontario**

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- Visually Impaired  
- Certification/Licensure Only (AQ Teaching students who are blind – see Note)  
- Distance learning via Internet*

*Note: Three additional qualification courses for teachers leading to specialist qualifications in teaching students who are blind*

- Part 1 course, Part 2 course, and the Specialist course available in the fall session of courses

*Distance learning for the above courses is fully online.


New Zealand

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The Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching (Blind and Vision Impairment) is an endorsement which provides advanced theoretical and research-based study of specialist teaching relating to understanding of the development and learning needs of students who are blind or have a visual impairment.

This includes an examination of evidence-based practices for specialist teachers of learners who are blind or have a visual impairment and a supervised practicum.

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
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