



University Directory for Programs in Visual Impairments

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. (For screen reader users - countries are heading 1, state and province are heading 2, universities are heading 3.)

Area(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

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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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Dickinson Hall, Suite 300
Little Rock, AR 72204

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- 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

California State University - Los Angeles

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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*
- 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://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.

Colorado

University of Northern Colorado

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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/Visio/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_disabilities.html

<https://www.fsu.edu/news/2010/11/16/visually-impaired/>

Illinois

Illinois State University

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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.

Northern Illinois University

Dept of Teaching and Learning (SEED)

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- 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
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Terre Haute, IN 47809

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- 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:

<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.

Kentucky

University of Kentucky

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Lexington, KY 40506-0001

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Program Website:

<http://education.uky.edu/EDSRC/content/vision>

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

Louisiana

Louisiana Tech University

Professional Development and Research Institute
on Blindness
Louisiana Tech University
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Ruston, LA 71272

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- Orientation and Mobility*
- Visually Impaired*

- Rehabilitation Teaching*
- Graduate - Certification/Licensure Only
- Graduate - Master's Level
- Academic year
- Summer
- Distance education via internet with one week on campus during one summer quarter and one three-day weekend on campus during one winter quarter (VI only).

URL: www.pdrib.com

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

University of New Orleans

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

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.

Massachusetts

Boston College

Department of Teacher Education/Special Education

Lynch School of Education

140 Commonwealth Avenue
Campion Hall, 211
Chestnut Hill, MA 02167

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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>

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

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



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

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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/>

URL: https://www.umb.edu/academics/sgisd/grad/global_inclusion_and_social_development_ma

Note: Scholarship funds are dependent on grant funding.

Michigan

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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

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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>

*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

Southwest Missouri State University

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Springfield, MO 65804

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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
202G Barkley Memorial Center

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Lincoln, NE 68583-0732

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VI Contact: Dr. Mackenzie Savaiano

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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

URL: <http://www.dc.edu/teacher-education-2/tvi-program/>

*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

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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>

URL: <http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/school-of-education/programs/graduate/special-education/blind-visually-impaired>

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vIWcC6pLVtE>

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

North Carolina

North Carolina Central University

Department of Curriculum and Instruction,
Special Education Program
2134 School of Education Building
700 Cecil Street
Durham, NC 27707

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

- Graduate – Master’s level
- Summers
- Academic year
- Distance learning via online and other methods of instruction

URL: www.nccu.edu/soe/vitp.cfm

Note: Classes are taught on-campus at NCCU and via distance learning options.

Note: Approved by AER and accredited by NCATE.

North Dakota

University of North Dakota

Department of Teaching and Learning
Special Education Program
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Grand Forks, ND 58202-7189

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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.

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

Ohio

The Ohio State University

College of Education & Human Ecology
School of Teaching & Learning
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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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- 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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*TVI Masters and Certificate Programs Contact:
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*O&M Masters and Certificate Programs Contact:
Dr. Fabiana Perla, Director*

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Email: fperla@salus.edu

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

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230 South Bouquet Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

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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/

*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/>

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

Contact: Shirley Blanding-Madison

Phone: 803-536-8600 OR 803-533-3956

Email: smadison@scsu.edu

- Orientation and mobility
- Rehabilitation counseling
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master's level

URL: <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

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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>

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

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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

Peabody College – Vanderbilt University

Program in Visual Disabilities
Department of Special Education
230 Appleton Place
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Nashville, TN 37203-5721

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Phone: 615-322-5721

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URL: http://peabody.vanderbilt.edu/departments/sped/special_education_med/visual_disabilities/index.php

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

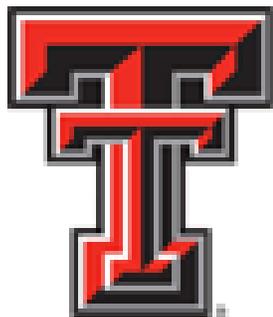


Figure 4 TTU logo.

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Virginia Murray Sowell Center for Research and
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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/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

University of Utah

Department of Special Education
1721 Campus Center Drive, SAEC 2280

Salt Lake City, UT 84112-9253

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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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Kellar Institute for Human Disabilities
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George Mason University
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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>

<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

100 Angus E. Payton Drive
South Charleston, WV 25303-1600

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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/>

*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/>

* 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)

University of Newcastle/Renwick Center

Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children
Private Bag 29
Parramatta NSW 2124
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VI Contact: *Sue Silveira*

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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

URL: <http://www.ridbc.org.au/renwick/courses/postgraduate.asp>

Canada

British Columbia

The University of 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:

URL:

<http://ecps.educ.ubc.ca/special-education/graduate-concentrations/ma-concentrations/blindness-and-visual-impairment/>

<http://ecps.educ.ubc.ca/special-education/graduate-concentrations/med-concentrations/blindness-and-visual-impairment/>

<http://pdce.educ.ubc.ca/orientation-and-mobility/>

Nova Scotia

Mount Saint Vincent University

Faculty of Education
166 Bedford Hwy
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3M 2J6

VI Contact: Dr. Frederick French, Graduate programs in Educational Psychology for teachers of the blind and visually impaired, Faculty of Education

Phone: 902-457-6186

Fax: 902-457-4911

Email: Frederick.french@msvu.ca

General Contact Email: education@msvu.ca

- 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

URL: <http://www.msvu.ca/en/home/default.aspx>

Ontario

University of Western Ontario

Western University
Faculty of Education – Continuing Teacher
Education
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London, ON Canada N6G 1G7

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Teacher Education*

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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.

URL: <http://www.edu.uwo.ca/programs/continuing-education/index.html>

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.

URL:

http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/programe-course-paper/programme.cfm?prog_id=93484&major_code=2854

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Outreach Programs



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