

GROW YOUR OWN VI TEACHER



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Texas Tech University
www.depts.ttu.edu/education/outreach-and-research/sowell/index.php

Stephen F. Austin State
University
<https://www.sfasu.edu/education/studies/academics/certification-prep>

Education Specialist in visual
impairments at your regional
Education Service Center



Survey the field

Find a teacher who has a good track record for collaboration. Itinerant positions require people with collaboration skills, diagnostic & report writing skills, organizational ability, time management and a willingness to learn new technologies. Strong TVIs are also life-long learners.

Plant the seed

Give your new recruit the [TVI and O&M Preparation Newsletter](#). It has all the information to connect them with a university training program.

Nurture the new professional

Changing disciplines and the application process can be daunting. The education specialist at the Education Service Center or a local VI professional can assist during the application process and beyond. Support your new VI teacher throughout their training. A mentor from the [TSBVI Mentor Program](#) will be assigned to the new teacher once he/she starts working with students with visual impairments.

Reap the harvest

When your new teacher has completed one university VI course and is enrolled in another, he/she is eligible to be your VI teacher of record with an emergency permit. The new VI teacher will be supported by a mentor from the TSBVI Mentor Program.

Share the bounty

If your district does not have enough students with visual impairments to justify a full-time position, consider these two options: have your VI teacher serve in other capacities within the district or co-op for services with other districts.