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**Texas School for
the Blind and
Visually
Impaired**

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University Directory of 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.

Directory of University Programs in Visual Impairments

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.

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

*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

Sturt Road
Bedford Park SA 5042
Australia
(08)8201 3911
URL: <http://www.flinders.edu.au/ehl/education/>

Contact: Ms. Jeanette Holt, Postgraduate Programs Administrator

Phone: (08) 8201 3480

Fax: (08) 8201 3184

Email: jeanette.holt@flinders.edu.au

- Orientation and Mobility (Special Education)
- Multiple Disability
- Visually Impaired
- Graduate – Certificate (Education with an emphasis in Vision Impairment)
- Graduate – Master's level (M.Ed. with a specialization in Special Education)
- Summer
- Academic Year
- Distance Education (Flexible delivery: full and part time programs, ITV)

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

University of Newcastle – Australia/Renwick Center

Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children

Private Bag 29

Parramatta NSW 2124 Australia

(02) 9872 0303

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

General Contact: Claire Farrington, Coordinator of Graduate Student Affairs

General Contact Email: Claire.Farrington@ridbc.org.au

General Contact Phone: (02) 9872 0811

General Contact Fax: (02) 9873 1614

VI Contact: Dr. Michael Steer

Phone: (02) 9872 0814

Fax: (02) 9873 1614

Email: mike.steer@ridbc.org.au

- Orientation and Mobility
- Multiple impairments
- Visually impaired
- Travel instruction
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only (Sensory Disabilities, Sign Bilingual Education, Listening and Spoken Language, and Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Early Intervention specializations)
- Graduate – Master's level (M.SpecEd. in Sensory Disability, Blind/Vision Impaired, and Deaf/Hard of Hearing Specializations; Master of Philosophy)
- Graduate – Doctoral level (Ph.D.)
- Distance learning via outreach
- Distance learning via other methods or a combination of methods
- Academic year (comprised of two semesters from February – June and from July – November)

Note: All degrees offered are postgraduate or doctoral awards of the University of Newcastle but through the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children.

Note: Renwick Centre offers of a portion of courses that are in distance mode but it does require attendance to a block of lectures during the semester of enrollment.

Canada

British Columbia

The University of British Columbia

Scarfe Office Block Room 2311

2125 Main Mall

Vancouver, BC, Canada V6T 1Z4

URL: <http://ecps.educ.ubc.ca/sped/sped-graduate-programs>

Contact: Dr. Cay Holbrook

Phone: 604-822-2235

Fax: 604-822-3302

Email: cay.holbrook@ubc.ca

- Autism and Developmental Disabilities
- Behavior Disorders
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- High Ability
- Visual Impairments
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only (Special Education Diploma)
- Graduate – Master’s level (MA Special Education, M.Ed. Blindness and Visual Impairment, M.Ed. Deaf and Hard of Hearing)
- Graduate – Doctoral level (Ph.D. Special Education)
- 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.

*In most instances, students spend the summers at UBC (on campus) and complete the remainder of the course via the Internet. This is especially true when it comes to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Blindness and Visual Impairment graduate programs. For more specific information regarding the distance education opportunities presented via the internet, please go to the [URL](#) provided above.

Nova Scotia

Mount Saint Vincent University

Mount Saint Vincent University

Faculty of Education

Seton Academic Centre Room 401A

166 Bedford Hwy
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3M 2J6

URL:

<http://www.msvu.ca/en/home/programsdepartments/graduatecalendar/graduateprograms/education/default.aspx>

VI Contact: Dr. Frederick French, Curriculum Studies within the Graduate Studies in Education Department

Phone: 902-457-6186

Fax: 902-457-4911

Email: Frederick.French@msvu.ca

VI Contact: Dr. Michelle Forrest, Educational Foundations within the Graduate Studies in Education Department

Phone: 902-457-6241

Fax: 902-457-4911

Email: Michelle.Forrest@msvu.ca

General Contact Email: education@msvu.ca

- Visual Impairments
- Graduate level – Masters (M.Ed. with a Concentration of Students who are Blind or Visually Impaired, M.Ed. in Educational Psychology of Students who are Blind or Visually Impaired, M.Ed. in Educational Psychology with a Concentration of Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, M.Ed. Curriculum Studies: Supporting Learners with Diverse Needs and Exceptionalities)
- Distance learning via on-site in summers with combination of internet, correspondence, video tape, and teleconferencing during the academic year.*

*Students should be aware that these programs are part-time programs and are offered using a combination of on-campus summer institutes which are compulsory, distance delivery using various means such as Moodle, and entails a practicum located in various geographic areas. Costs associated with the practicum and with travel are the responsibility of the student. Program guides provided to students upon acceptance also contain specific information governing professional practice, program, and personal requirements.

Ontario

University of Western Ontario

Western University
Faculty of Education – School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
1393 Western Road
London, ON Canada N6G 1G9

URL: <http://www.edu.uwo.ca/programs/continuing-education/aq/subject.html?subject=blind>

Contact: Joanna Kozłowska – Graduate Affairs Assistant

Phone: 519-661-2099

Email: jkozlow@uwo.ca

- Visually Impaired
- Graduate – Certification/Licensure Only (AQ Teaching Students Who are Blind or Teaching Students Who are Deaf – See **Note**)
- Deaf and hard of hearing
- Distance learning via Internet*

Note: Three courses leading to specialist qualifications in Teaching Students Who are Blind or Teaching Students Who are Deaf:

- Part 1 course, Part 2 course, and the Specialist course available in a variety of sessions for both specializations

*Distance learning can be a combination of exclusively online, partial distance learning, or blended. Check this link for details on the type of courses that are being offered and in what format:

<http://www.edu.uwo.ca/programs/continuing-education/aq/subject/subject.asp?subject=blind#>.

New Zealand

Massey University

School of Health, Disability, and Rehabilitation
Rehabilitation Studies Programme
Private Bag 11222
Palmerston North
New Zealand

URL: <http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/programme-course-paper/programme-list.cfm>

Doctoral Contact: Professor Margaret Walshaw

Phone: +64-6-356-9099 ext. 8782

Email: m.a.walshaw@massey.ac.nz

Masters Contact and Rehabilitation Contact: Massey University Contact Centre

Phone: +64-6-350-5701

Fax: +64-6-350-5618

Email: contact@massey.ac.nz

Head of School of Health and Social Services: Professor Steven LaGrow

Phone: +64-6-356-9099 ext. 2248

Email: s.j.lagrow@massey.ac.nz

- Rehabilitation studies (This is equivalent to an Orientation and Mobility program)
- Rehabilitation teaching
- Rehabilitation counseling
- Undergraduate – Certificate (Certificate in Rehabilitation Studies)
- Undergraduate – Bachelor's Degree (Bachelor's in Education, Bachelor of Health Science with a Rehabilitation Studies Minor, Bachelor's in Special and Inclusive Education, Diploma in Arts with a Rehabilitation Studies Major, Diploma in Rehabilitation Studies)
- Graduate – Postgraduate Certificate (Certificate in Education, Diploma in Rehabilitation Studies)
- Graduate – Postgraduate Diploma (Postgraduate Diploma in Rehabilitation)
- Graduate – Master's level (M.Ed., M.Ed. in Special Education, M.Ed. in Teaching and Learning)
- Graduate – Doctoral level (Ed.D.)
- Academic year*

Note: Academic year runs from February to November. Massey University limits the intake to the Postgraduate Diploma in Rehabilitation program after consulting with the Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind.

United States

Alabama

The University of Alabama at Birmingham

Visual Impairments Program

Department of Special Education

901 13th Street South

Birmingham, AL 35294

URL: <https://www.uab.edu/education/ci/vi-program-description>

Contact: Dr. Mary-Jean Sanspree, Ph.D., Faculty Member on the UAB Visual Impairments Program

Phone: 205-934-6723

Fax: 205-934-6722

Email: sanspree@uab.edu

Contact: Ms. Carol Allison, M. Ed., Faculty Member on the UAB Visual Impairments Program

Phone: 205-975-5481

Fax: 205-975-7581

Email: callison@uab.edu

- Multiple disability*
- Visually impaired* (Postgrad Teacher Certification in Visual Impairments)
- Deafblind*
- Graduate – Master’s level (M. Ed. In Special Education, M. Ed. In Early Childhood Special Education)
- 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.

Arizona

University of Arizona

Department of Disability and Psychoeducational Studies: Specialization in Visual Impairments
College of Education/DPS
PO Box 210069
The University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ 85721
URL: http://www.coe.arizona.edu/visual_impairment

VI Contact: Dr. Jane Erin, Professor and Coordinator for Programs in Visual Impairments

Phone: 520-621-0945

Email: jerin@email.arizona.edu

O&M Contact: Dr. Kathy Zwald, Assistant Professor of Practice in Disability and Psychoeducational Studies

Phone: 520-621-3887

Email: kzwald@email.arizona.edu

- Visually impaired*
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master’s level (MA in Special Education, MA in Special Education Learning Disabilities, MA in Special Education Severe and Multiple Disabilities)
- 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.

Note: These programs are housed in the College of Education’s Department of Disability and Psychoeducational Studies.

Note: The University of Arizona will be suspending their O&M program for one to two years beginning in 2012.

Arkansas

University of Arkansas – Little Rock

College of Education
Teacher Education Department (TED)
Dept of Counseling, Adult & Rehabilitation Education (CARE)
2801 South University Avenue
Dickinson Hall Room 322
Little Rock, AR 72204
URL: <http://ualr.edu/coe/>

Teacher Education Department (TED)

VI Contact: Dr. Angela Sewall, Dean
Phone: 501-569-8690
Email: amsewall@ualr.edu
URL: <http://ualr.edu/coe/>

Dept of Counseling, Adult & Rehabilitation Education (CARE)

O&M Contact: Dr. William Jacobson, Ed.D.
Phone: 501-569-8505
Email: whjacobson@ualr.edu
URL: <http://ualr.edu/ma/RHBLO/>

Rehabilitation Counseling Program Contact: Chyrle Cantrell, Interim Coordinator

Phone: 501-682-2570
Email: cecantrell@ualr.edu
URL: <http://ualr.edu/ma/coun/>

- Visually Impaired
- Orientation and mobility
- Rehabilitation counseling
- Distance education
- Graduate - certification/licensure only (Online O&M Certification)
- Graduate - master's level* (Online MA in Orientation and Mobility, Online MA in Counseling with an emphasis in Rehabilitation Counseling)
- Summer (For example, students in the O&M Program must commit to coming to Little Rock for two consecutive summers)
- Academic year
- Distance Learning via a combination of face-to-face and online

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

California

California State University - Los Angeles

Division of Special Education

5151 State University Drive

Los Angeles, CA 90032

Phone Number: 323-343-3000

URL: <http://www.calstatela.edu/academic/ccoe/>

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

Email: ckamehi@calstatela.edu

URL: http://www.calstatela.edu/academic/ccoe/programs_edsc_ma_vi.htm

O&M Contact: Dr. Diane Fazzi, Ph.D., COMS

Email: dfazzi@calstatela.edu

URL: http://web.calstatela.edu/academic/ccoe/programs_edsc_cr_rehabserv_o_m.htm

- Autism
- 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**

*Financial aid is available through the CSULA financial office. Also, students may apply for federal grant funding through OSEP when available.

**Distance learning is limited at this university. Most classes require that students meet face-to-face with their professors.

San Diego State University

Department of Communication Disorders

5500 Campanile Drive

San Diego, CA 92182-1518

619-594-5200

URL: <http://coe.sdsu.edu/>

Contact: Dr. Ric Hovda, Dean of the College of Education

Phone: 619-594-6137

Email: rhovda@mail.sdsu.edu

- Deafblind*
- Multiple disabilities
- Deaf and hard of hearing
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master’s Level
- Graduate – Doctoral Level

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

San Francisco State University

Department of Special Education

1600 Holloway Ave

San Francisco, CA 94132

Fax: 415-338-0566

URL: <http://www.sfsu.edu/~spedcd/>

VI Contact: Dr. Sunggye Hong, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Program in Visual Impairments

Phone: 415-338-3430

Email: hong72@sfsu.edu

O&M Contact: Dr. Sandra Rosen, Program Coordinator

Phone: 415-338-1245

Email: srosen@sfsu.edu

URL: <http://online.sfsu.edu/mobility/>

- 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

*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

School of Special Education

501 20 Street

McKee 29, Campus Box 141

Greeley, CO 80639

URL: <http://www.unco.edu/cebs/sped/prospective/Vision/index.html>

VI and O&M Contact: Dr. Paula Conroy, Ed.D. Coordinator of VI Programs

Phone: 970-351-1651

Email: paula.conroy@unco.edu

VI and O&M Contact: Dr. Silvea Correa-Torres, Ed.D. Assistant Professor of Special Education

Phone: 970-351-1660

Email: silvia.correatorres@unco.edu

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

Florida

Florida State University

College of Education
1114 West Call Street
P.O. Box 3064450
Tallahassee, FL 32306-445
Phone: (850) 644-6885
Fax: (850) 644-2725
URL: <http://www.coe.fsu.edu/>

VI Contact: Dr. Sandra Lewis, Professor and Faculty Senate President

Phone: 850-644-8409

Email: slewis@fsu.edu

URL: <http://explorefsucoe.com/curriculum-and-instruction-visual-disabilities>

VI Contact: Joe Lyons

Phone: 850-644-2122

Email: jglyons@fsu.edu

URL: <http://explorefsucoe.com/curriculum-and-instruction-visual-disabilities>

- Visually impaired*
- Multiply impaired*
- Orientation and mobility*
- Undergraduate* (Both VI and O&M)
- Graduate – Master’s level with or without certification* (Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, with a major in Visual Disabilities. Specializations available in teaching children with visual impairments, orientation and mobility, teaching students with visual impairments and severe cognitive disabilities, and teaching preschoolers with visual impairments)
- Academic year
- Distance learning via outreach at St. Petersburg College, Largo, FL, and Miami, FL.

Illinois

Illinois State University

Low Vision and Blindness Program

Department of Special Education

Campus Box 5910

Normal, IL 61790-5910

Phone: (309) 438-8980

Fax: (309) 438-8699

URL: <http://education.illinoisstate.edu/about/departments/sed/>

VI Contact: Dr. Stacy Kelly, Assistant Professor

Phone: (309) 438-8986

Email: skelly@ilstu.edu

- Visually impaired
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Undergraduate
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only (Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Speech Language Professional)
- Graduate – Master's level (Learning Behavior Specialist II Certification)
- Graduate – Doctoral level* (Ed.D.)
- Academic year

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): Special and Early Education

Gabel 159

Dekalb, IL 60115

Phone: 815-753-1619

Fax: 815-753-8594

Email: seed@niu.edu

URL: <http://cedu.niu.edu/seed/academic/vision/>

VI & RT Contact: Dr. Gaylen Kapperman, Professor Emeritus

Phone: 815-753-8453

Email: gakapperman@niu.edu

VI & O&M Contact: Jodi Sticken, Director of Orientation and Mobility

Phone: 815-753-8456

Email: jsticken@niu.edu

O&M Contact: Bill Penrod

Phone: 815-753-8452

Alternate Contact: Laurel Burman, Instructor and Clinical Coordinator

Phone: 815-753-8456

- Visually impaired*
- Orientation and mobility
- Rehabilitation teaching
- Undergraduate*
- Graduate – Master's level
- Graduate – Doctoral level (Ed.D. in Educational Psychology)
- Summer* (O&M only for already certified TVIs)
- Academic year*

Note: This program has been reviews 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

Indiana State University

Collaborative Program
Project Vision – Blumberg Center
Bayh College of Education, University Hall 009
Indiana State University
401 North 7th Street
Terre Haute, IN 47809
Phone: (812) 237-2840
Fax: (812) 237-8208
URL: <http://coe.indstate.edu/>

VI Contact: Sharon Bryan, Administrative Specialist

Phone 812-237-7887

Fax: 812-237-8089

Email: Sharon.Bryan@indstate.edu

- Visually impaired*
- Deafblind
- Graduate – Licensure only
- Distance Education (with mandatory attendance at face-to-face classes and weekend seminars).

*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

College of Education: Department of Special Education

Schindler Education Center 150A

Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0601

Phone: 319-273-6061

URL: <http://www.uni.edu/coe/departments/special-education>

Contact: Susan Brennan, Ph.D.

Phone: 319-273-7841

Fax: 319-273-7852

Email: susan.brennan@uni.edu

Contact: Marilyn Busch, Administrative Assistant

Email: marilyn.busch@uni.edu

- Visually impaired*
- Undergraduate
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only (Instructional Strategist I, Instructional Strategist II, Early Childhood Special Education)
- Graduate – Master's level
- Academic year
- Distance learning via interactive video
- Distance learning via outreach
- Distance learning via combination

Note: Distance learning via interactive video is limited to Iowa residents and is only limited to Early Childhood Special Education classes.

Note: VI courses are offered online via Distance Learning

Massachusetts

Boston College

Department of Teacher Education/Special Education
Lynch School of Education
140 Commonwealth Avenue: Campion Hall, 211
Chestnut Hill, MA 02167
URL: <http://www.bc.edu/schools/lsoe/>

Deafblind Contact: Dr. Susan Bruce, Associate Professor

Phone: 617-552-4239

Email: brucesu@bc.edu

- Deafblind
- Multiply impaired
- Graduate – Master's level*
- Summer**
- Academic year

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

Note: Graduate courses are offered in the evening year-round.

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

**Some summer courses can be taken, however, this cannot be the sole means of achieving a degree.

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
URL: <http://www.nercve.org/>

Vision Studies Contact: Laura Bozeman, Ph. D, COMS, CLVT, Associate Professor, Program Director of Vision Studies

Phone: 617-287-4385

Email: laura.bozeman@umb.edu

Fax: 617-287-7727

TVI Contact: Janice Barron, TVI Program Coordinator

Phone: 617-287-7595

Email: janice.barron@umb.edu

O&M / VRT Contact: Paula Kosior, O&M Program Coordinator

Phone: 617-287-7584

Email: paula.kosior@umb.edu

- Visually impaired
- Orientation and mobility
- Vision rehabilitation therapy
- Rehabilitation counseling
- Graduate – Certificate (O&M, VRT)*
- Graduate – Master's level* (M.Ed. Vision Studies)
- Academic year
- Summer
- Distance learning via Blackboard Vista

Note: Scholarship funds are dependent on grant funding.

Note: This program is currently transitioning from Blackboard Vista to Blackboard Learn.

Michigan

Eastern Michigan University

Department of Special Education
John W. Porter Building Suite 128
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Phone: 734-487-3300
Fax: 734-487-2473
URL: <http://www.emich.edu/coe/sped/index.html>

Contact: Dr. Tsai-Ping Li, Professor

Phone: 734-487-2748

Email: tli@emich.edu

- Visually impaired
- Undergraduate
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only*
- Graduate – Master's level (MA Special Education, MA Elementary Visual Impairments, MA Secondary Visual Impairments)
- Academic year
- Distance learning under development*

*Eastern Michigan University only offers teaching certificates in the form of certification.

**Eastern Michigan University is still developing their distance learning curricula. However, Eastern Michigan does offer alternate courses that can be attended off campus or throughout over the weekend. They currently offer locations in Brighton, Detroit, Flint, Jackson, Livonia, Monroe, and Northern Michigan and within the Kresge Environmental Center and Washtenaw County. Go to <http://www.emich.edu/extended/> for more information on the specific weekend course and off campus options.

Western Michigan University

Department of Blindness and Low Vision Studies
1903 W. Michigan Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5218
Phone: 269-387-3455
Fax: 269-387-2567
URL: <http://www.wmich.edu/visionstudies/>

Blind Rehabilitation Contact:

Department Chair: James A. Leja, Ph.D.

Phone: 269-387-2645

Email: james.leja@wmich.edu

VI / O&M Contact: Mr. Charles Adams

Phone: 269-387-8746

Email: charles.adams@wmich.edu

O&M Adult Contact: Dr. David Guth, Ph.D.

Phone: 269-387-3446

Email: david.guth@wmich.edu

Rehabilitation Therapist: Dr. Helen Lee, Ed.D.

Phone: 269-387-3448

Email: helen.lee@wmich.edu

Rehabilitation Counseling: Dr. Jennipher Wiebold, Ph.D.

Phone: 269-387-3459

Email: jennipher.wiebold@wmich.edu

- Visually impaired
- Orientation and mobility, adults and children
- Rehabilitation counseling/teaching
- Vision rehabilitation therapy
- Undergraduate (accelerated degree program for Master's program)
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only (state endorsement)
- Graduate – Master's level
- Summer
- Academic year
- Distance learning via combination of methods (students must come onto campus for the summer II session)

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

Minnesota

Minnesota Training Program for TBVI – O&M

PO Box 684
Cokato, MN 55321

BVI/O&M Contact Program: Barb Lhotka, State Facilitator

Phone: 612-618-5718

Email: barblhotka@embargo.com

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

Note: Coursework is provided via the internet through Salus University (Pennsylvania). Participants meet monthly with state facilitator to reinforce training.

Note: Students participate in a mentor program.

*Financial aid is available for Minnesota residents.

Missouri

Southwest Missouri State University

Counseling, Leadership, and Special Education

901 South National Ave.

Springfield, MO 65897

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

VI/O&M Contact: Paul Ajuwon, Ph.D.

Phone: 417-836-5397

Fax: 417-836-4884

Email: PaulAjuwon@missouristate.edu

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Orientation and mobility*
- Visually impaired*
- Certification only
- Master's degree (Emphases in Autism Spectrum Disorder, Orientation and Mobility, and Visual Impairment)
- Distance learning via internet or other alternative delivery system based on availability
- Academic year
- Summer

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 and Communication Disorders
202G Barkley Memorial Center

P.O. Box 830738

Phone: 402-472-0410

Fax: 402-472-7689

Lincoln, NE 68583-0738

URL: <http://cehs.unl.edu/barkley/>

VI Contact: Dr. Tessa (Wright) McCarthy, Ph.D.

Phone: 402-472-6636

Email: twright5@unl.edu

- Autism and severe disabilities
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Visually impaired*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only (Intellectual, Sensory, and Developmental Disabilities)
- Graduate – Master's level* (M.Ed. M.A.)
- Online classes in fall and spring, summers face to face

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

College of Education

Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders

MSC 35PE, P.O. Box 30001

Las Cruces, NM 88003-8001

Phone: 575-646-2402

URL: <http://spedcd.education.nmsu.edu/>

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- Autism
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Visual impairment*
- Graduate – Certification only (Vision Impaired Program)
- Graduate – Master's level (M.A. in Education, M.A. Special Education with an emphasis in Deaf/Hard of Hearing)
- Summer**
- Academic year
- Distance learning via outreach
- Distance learning via internet***
- Distance learning via combination

Note: Financial support limited to New Mexico residents with existing teaching certification.

Note: NCATE approved. AER approved.

Note: Program support is provided by the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

*The VI program at NMSU is a partnership with the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

**A new cohort for the VI program begins in the summer of each year.

***Students must attend at least three face-to-face meetings at the University for each semester.

New York

Dominican College

470 Western Highway
Orangeburg, NY 10962
Phone: 845-359-7800

URL: http://www.dc.edu/w_content.aspx?pageid=5143&id=4948#.UMs7F6wkTlx

Contact: Yvette M. Blitzer, Coordinator, Programs for Teachers of Students Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Phone: 845-848-4119

Fax: 845-359-7802

Email: yvette.blitzer@dc.edu

- Visually impaired*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure
- Graduate – Master’s level (M.S.Ed. for Teachers of Students with Disabilities, M.S.Ed. for Teachers of Students who are Blind or Visually Impaired)
- Academic year**
- Summer***
- Distance learning via combination approaches (coursework is mostly online but there are Sundays in the Spring Semester when students are on campus for the Orientation and Mobility for Teachers course; and 3 ½ days, Monday – Thursday of the last week of June)

*Financial support is available through New York State. New York State provides an Intensive Training Institute Grant for teacher willing to complete the TVI program. There are also traineeships, scholarships, or other financial aid.

**Dominican College is structured in a quarter system for 10 weeks that functions as a cohort (travel in a group), typically starting the third Sunday in August.

***Assistive Technology is the summer course that it given in the Summer Quarter in the first week of July. It is given online and the duration of it is one week.

Hunter College of the City University of New York

Programs in Blind and Visual Impairments
695 Park Ave.
916 West Building
New York, NY 10021
Phone: 212-772-4000

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

VI Contact: Dr. Rosanne Silberman, Ph.D. Coordinator of the Graduate Programs

Phone: 212-772-4740

Email: rsilberm@hunter.cuny.edu

O&M Contact: Dr. Grace Ambrose-Zaken, Ed.D. Grant Associate Professor of the Blind and Visually Impaired: Orientation and Mobility, Project Coordinator Rehabilitation Teaching and Orientation and Mobility programs

Phone: 212-772-4741

Email: gambrose@hunter.cuny.edu

Deafblind Contact: Dr. Ellen Trief, Ed.D. Advisor for the Master's Degree in Childhood Special Education for Severe and Multiple Disabilities Including Deafblindness and Professor in Programs in Blindness and Visual Impairments

Phone: 212-772-4110

Email: etrief@hunter.cuny.edu

- Visually impaired
- Multiply impaired
- Deafblind
- Orientation and mobility
- Rehabilitation teaching (Master's degree in Rehabilitation Teaching)
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only (Program in O&M, Program in Blind and VI)
- Graduate – Advanced certification program*
- Graduate – Master's level**
- Academic year
- Distance learning via internet

***Note:** The advanced certification program for VI is for individuals who have a Master's degree in education or a related field who want to obtain state certification as a TVI. The advanced certification program in O&M is for students currently enrolled in a Master's degree program or already have a Master's degree in a relevant field (i.e. – Rehabilitation Teaching). Both the advance certification programs in VI and in O&M are given by the New York State Education Department Intensive Teacher Institute who then grant it via Hunter College.

****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
School of Education
North Carolina Central University
700 Cecil Street
Durham, NC 27707
Phone: 919-530-7291
URL: <http://www.nccu.edu/soe/gradoffice.cfm>

Contact: Dr. Beth Harris, Ph.D., Coordinator, Visual Impairment Training Program

Room: 2133 H.M. Michaux School of Education Building

Phone: 919-530-5346

Email: baharris@nccu.edu

- Orientation and mobility
- Visual impairments
- Multiple impairments
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only (O&M Certification for students who already have an undergraduate or graduate degree)
- Graduate – Master’s level (M.Ed. with a concentration in Visual Impairments, M.Ed. with a concentration in Orientation and Mobility, M.A. in Teaching Visual Impairments)
- Summers
- Academic year
- Distance learning via outreach
- Distance learning via combination of methods

Note: Classes are taught via synchronous and asynchronous methods of delivery.

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

URL: <http://education.und.edu/teaching-and-learning/>

Contact: Dr. Kari Chiasson, Ed.D. Assistant Professor in Special Education and Early Childhood Special Education
Visual Impairments

Room: Education Building Room 218

Phone: 701-777-3236

Email: kari.chiasson@email.und.edu

- Certification – Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Graduate – Master's level* (M.S. in Special Education with an emphasis in Visual Impairments)
- Online program

Note: Program begins on in the fall semester during even-numbered years and typically takes two years to complete.

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

Ohio

The Ohio State University

College of Education & Human Ecology

Department of Teaching & Learning

127 Arps Hall

1945 North High Street

Columbus, OH 43210-1172

Phone: 614-292-2461

Fax: 614-292-8052

URL: <http://ehe.osu.edu/teaching-and-learning/>

VI Coordinator: Dr. Tiffany Wild

Phone: 614-292-4783

Email: wild.13@osu.edu

- Deaf Education and Hard of Hearing
- Visual Impairment
- Orientation and mobility – Licensure only
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate - Master's level (M.Ed. in Visual Impairments Grades K – 12, M.Ed. in Hearing Impairments)
- Graduate - Doctoral level
- Academic year and Summer

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.

University of Toledo

Department of Early Childhood, Physical, and Special Education

College of Education

5024A Gillham Hall

2801 W. Bancroft Street

Toledo, OH 43606

Phone: 1-800-589-5336

URL: <https://www.utoledo.edu/education/programs/index.html>

Contact: Dr. Sakui Malakpa, Ed. D.

Phone: 419-530-2047

Fax: 419-530-2700

Email: sakui.malakpa@utoledo.edu

- Visually impaired
- Undergraduate (Bachelor's of Education in Special Education/Intervention Specialist)
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only
- Graduate – Master's level*
- Graduate – Doctoral level*
- Distance Education (Master's in Special Education)

Note: Financial aid is available or based on grant funds (Perkins loan, work study). Limited state funds are available to assist in tuition.

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

Oregon

Portland State University

Department of Special Education

P.O. Box 751

Portland, OR 97207-0751

Phone: 503-725-4619 OR 1-800-547-8887 ext. 54619

Fax: 503-725-5599

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

Contact: Dr. James Bickford, Ed.D.

Phone: 503-725-5495

Email: bickford@pdx.edu

- Visually impaired*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only*
- Graduate – Master's level*
- Graduate – Doctoral level*
- Summer*
- Academic year*
- Distance learning via internet*(hybrid of distance learning and on-campus summer sessions in even-numbered years)

Note: Prospective students from Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, and Montana receive priority admissions, resident tuition, and federal grant funding when applicable.

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

Pennsylvania

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

Department of Special Education
15200 Kutztown Road
Kutztown, PA 19530
Phone: 610-683-4000
URL: <http://www.kutztown.edu/acad/coe/spced/>

Contact: Dr. David Ross, Ed.D.

Phone 610-683-4651

Email: dross@kutztown.edu

- Visually impaired
- Undergraduate* (B.S. in Education in Visual Impairments)
- Academic year

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

Salus University

College of Education and Rehabilitation
Elkins Park Campus
8360 Old York Road
Elkins Park, PA 19027
Phone: 800-824-6262
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URL: <http://www.salus.edu/cer/index.html>

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TVI Masters and Certificate Programs Contact: Ms. Lynne Dellinger, Director

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Low Vision Rehabilitation Masters and Certificate Programs Contact:

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O&M Masters and Certificate Programs Contact: Dr. Fabiana Perla, Director, Ed. D., COMS, CLVR, and Assistant Professor

Phone: 215-780-1367

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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

Phone: 215-780-1502

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- Orientation and mobility*
- Multiple disabilities*
- Visually impaired*
- Rehabilitation teaching* (Low Vision)
- Rehabilitation therapy*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only*
- Graduate – Master's level*
- Distance learning via the internet (requires on-campus summer residency)
- Summer*
- Institute for face-to-face courses*
- Academic year*

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.

University of Pittsburgh

Vision Studies Program
5326 Wesley W. Posvar Hall
230 South Bouquet Street
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
Phone: 412-648-2230
Fax: 412-648-1899

URL:

<http://www.education.pitt.edu/AcademicDepartments/InstructionLearning/Programs/VisionStudies.asp>
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Program Contact:

Dr. Lynn Fox

Phone: 412-648-7308

Email: alderson@pitt.edu

- Visually impaired*
- Orientation and mobility*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only (TVI and COMS)
- Graduate – Master’s level* (M.Ed. with TVI/COMS certification)
- Graduate – Doctoral level* (Ph.D. in Special Education with emphasis in blindness and VI, Ed.D. in Special Education with emphasis in blindness and VI)
- Summer
- Academic year*
- Distance learning via internet* (online and in-class hybrid)

*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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- Undergraduate
- Visual Impairment
- Deaf education and Hard of Hearing
- Academic year

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

Important Note: This information could not be verified. Please check with the University of Puerto Rico to see if they still offer those concentration areas.

South Carolina

South Carolina State University

Department of Human Services

300 College Street, NE

Orangeburg, SC 29117

Phone: 803-536-8600

Fax: 803-533-3636

URL: <http://www.scsu.edu/schoolofgraduatestudies/orientationandmobility.aspx>

Contact: Shirley Madison, Professor and Orientation and Mobility Program Specialist

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

Email: smadison@scsu.edu

- Orientation and mobility
- Rehabilitation counseling
- Counselor Education
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only (O&M Certificate)
- Graduate – Master’s level (M.A. Teaching, M.Ed.)

Note: Candidates seeking training as a rehabilitation counselor may request vision-specific training during their internship.

Note: Only graduate program offered at an historically black college or university (HBCU).

University of South Carolina – Upstate

College of Education

800 University Way

Spartanburg, SC 29303

Phone: 864-503-5000

URL: <http://www.uscupstate.edu/graduate/default.aspx?id=3387>

Contact: Dr. Tina Herzberg, Director of Graduate Programs

Email: therzberg@uscupstate.edu

Phone: 864-503-5572

- Visually Impaired
- Graduate – master’s level (M.Ed. in Visually Impairments)
- Distance learning via a combination of internet and on-site instructions

Note: Program requires 2 summers in Spartanburg. Live classes at the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind in the summer. The remainder is via Distance Learning Methodologies Delivery.

South Dakota

Northern State University

Department of Special Education

1200 South Jay Street

Aberdeen, SD 57401

URL: <http://www.northern.edu/soe/pages/sped.aspx>

VI Contact: Dr. Connie Geier, Dean at the School of Education

Phone: 605-626-2415

Email: geierc@northern.edu

- Visually impaired
- Undergraduate*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only (endorsement for pre-school special education, blind or visually impaired endorsement)
- Graduate – Master's level (M.S.Ed. in Educational Studies with the K-12 Blind or Visually Impaired endorsement)
- Distance learning**

Note: Candidates do not need to possess an existing teaching certificate to go into this program.

*Northern State University offers a K-12 Blind or Visually Impaired endorsement that can be taken at the graduate or undergraduate level and a K-12 Braille education endorsement. Both endorsements can either be issued via a teaching certificate or as stand-alone certificates.

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

** Northern State University currently offers only two courses via distance: SPED 4/523 Introduction to Teaching Students who are Blind, and SPED 4/524 Instructional Aids and Appliances for Students Who Are Blind.

Tennessee

Peabody College – Vanderbilt University

College of Education and Human Development

230 Appleton Place

Box 329

Nashville, TN 37203-5721

Phone: 615-322-8410

URL: <http://peabody.vanderbilt.edu/>

Contact: Dr. Karen Blankenship

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Email Karen.Blankenship@vanderbilt.edu

- Visually impaired
- Undergraduate* (BA Special Education)
- Graduate – Master’s level (M.Ed. Visual Disabilities)
- Graduate – Doctoral level* (Ph.D. in the Education of Students with Visual Impairments)
- Academic year

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

Texas

Stephen F. Austin State University

Department of Human Services
2100 N. Raguet St.
HSTC 222 Box 13019 SFA Station
Nacogdoches, TX 75962
Phone: 936-468-2906
Fax: 936-468-5837
URL: <http://www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/>

VI Contact: Michael Munro, TVI program

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O&M Contact: Barry Stafford, COMS program

Phone: 936-468-5348

Email: bhstafford@sfasu.edu

- Visually impaired
- Orientation and mobility
- Undergraduate* (Only undergraduate concentration in O&M)
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only* (TVI/COMS program)
- 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

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

Texas Tech University

College of Education
Virginia Murray Sowell Center for Research and Education in Visual
Box 41071
Lubbock, TX 79409
Phone: 806-742-1997 ext. 233
Fax: 806-742-2326
URL: <http://cms.educ.ttu.edu/research/sowell/default>

VI Contact: Dr. Rona Pogrund

Phone: 806-252-8026 (cell)

Email: rona.pogrund@ttu.edu

O&M Contact: Dr. Nora Griffin-Shirley

Phone: 806-742-1997 ext. 247

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Deafblind Contact: Dr. Roseanna Davidson

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Email: roseanna.davidson@ttu.edu

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

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

Utah

University of Utah

Department of Special Education
1705 Campus Center Drive, Room 225
Salt Lake City, UT 84112
Phone: 801-581-8221
URL: <http://special-ed.utah.edu/>

VI Contact: Dr. Chris Bischke, Ph.D., Multi-University Consortium Teacher Training in the Sensory Impairments Program

Phone: 801-585-3925

Email: chris.bischke@utah.edu

- Visually impaired
- Deafblind (certification/licensure only)
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Undergraduate*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only* (Early Childhood Special Education/Visual Impairments and Early Childhood Special Education/Deaf and Hard of Hearing)
- Graduate – Master’s level* (M.Ed. or M.S. with specializations in one of the following: Deafblind, Visual Impairments, or Deaf and Hard of Hearing)
- Summer*
- Academic year*
- Distance learning via combination of methods within state only

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

Note: Students can complete a Master’s with licensure or licensure only.

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

Note: The University of Utah offers 5 courses during the summer (two of which are offered every other year) as summer only courses.

Virginia

Virginia Consortium for Teacher Preparation in Vision Impairment

Kellar Institute for Human disAbilities

4400 University Drive, MS:1F2

George Mason University

Fairfax, VA 22030

URL: <http://www.kihd.gmu.edu>

VI Contact: Holly Lawson

Phone: 703-993-5625

Email: hlawson2@gmu.edu

- Visually impaired*
- Graduate - certification/licensure only
- Graduate - master's degree
- Graduate - doctoral
- Academic year
- Summer
- Distance learning via combination of methods (video conferencing, web conferencing, Blackboard, and face-to-face meetings)

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

Note: The Kellar Institute consists of George Mason University, James Madison University, Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, and Radford University.

West Virginia

Marshall University

College of Education and Professional Development: Graduate and Professional Development Programs
100 Angus E. Payton Drive
South Charleston, WV 25303-1600
URL: <http://www.marshall.edu/wpmu/gsepd/>

VI Contact: Mrs. Molly Simonton, Coordinator for Teacher Certification Programs in Visual Impairments and in Deaf/Hard of Hearing

Phone: 304-746-8941

Email: stedman@marshall.edu

- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Visually impaired*
- Graduate – Certification/licensure only option
- Graduate – Master’s level option
- Graduate – Doctoral level (Ph.D. in Educational Leadership with emphasis in visual impairments or deaf/hard of hearing, Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction with emphasis in visual impairments or deaf/hard of hearing)
- Academic year
- Summer (summer courses as part of the rotation of certification course offering)
- Distance learning via internet**

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

**Distance Learning courses are hybrids that meet 5 Saturdays throughout each term in addition to a very strong online component