

Florida State University
Department of Childhood, Reading, and Disability Services

Program in Visual Impairment

major number: 220706

MASTER'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
for INDIVIDUALS PREPARING TO TEACH
ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY
TO ADULTS

Entrance into the Program in Visual Impairment at the master's degree level may occur during any academic semester, but is recommended during the Fall.

Individuals participating in the Program in Visual Impairment at the master's degree level may design their own program, based on their personal interests and career goals.

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

Because Florida State University offers a bachelor's degree program in the area of Visual Impairment, program participants who have not had the following core courses (or equivalents) must successfully complete the following classes during their master's degree work:

Hours	Prerequisite Courses (or equivalent)
	Education of the Visually Impaired Core
3	Introduction to Orientation and Mobility
3	Anatomy and Diseases of the Eye for Blindness Professionals

Additional courses may be required for certification as a teacher of visually impaired children in Florida. Please consult with your advisor if you are interested in Florida certification.

PROGRAM PLANNING

Master's degree students are required to take a minimum of 32 semester hours. Careful program planning is necessary to assure that the appropriate coursework and practicum experiences are taken. A Program of Study must be submitted and approved before the completion of 12 semester hours of work. Please consult with your advisor to assure that all requirements for the master's degree are met.

REQUIRED COURSES - ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY FOR ADULTS

Hours	Course Title
3	Principles and Practices of Rehabilitation Teaching
3	Methods of Teaching Independent Living
3	Low Vision
3	Issues in Blindness
3	The Dynamics of Aging
3	History of Rehabilitation and Methods of Vocational Placement
2	Social and Vocational Implications of Recreation and Leisure
3	Teaching Orientation and Mobility
3	Advanced Orientation and Mobility
3	Understanding Research in Visual Impairment
5	Internship in Orientation and Mobility
0	Master's Comprehensive Examination

COMBINED RT/O&M PROGRAM

Students electing to become certified in both orientation and mobility and rehabilitation teaching must complete the following additional courses:

Hours	Course Title
3	Literary Braille
3	Teaching Communication Skills to Visually Impaired Adults
3	Vision Technology
--	Internship in Rehabilitation Teaching

For students participating in the RT/O&M option, the minimum length of the internship will be 20 weeks, with the teaching time equally divided between the two disciplines.

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