

Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Visually Impaired (Blind and Partially Sighted) Birth - Grade 12 DESE Approved Alternative Certification Program

In response to the state-wide shortage of teachers trained to work with Visually Impaired students, Missouri State University has developed a state-wide alternative certification program which allows both currently certified teachers and candidates with a bachelor's degree but no certification to earn their initial certification in Visually Impaired (Blind and Partially Sighted) Birth - Grade 12.

Choose One: 3 hours
 RDG 318 Foundations of Reading Instruction
 RDG 675 The Relationship of Language to
 Reading and Intellectual Development

Praxis II Exam: # 10280

12 hours

Professional Education Coursework for Currently Certified teachers required to add Certification in Visually Impaired

(Must begin coursework in a Summer or Fall semester)

Summer

SPE 506 Principles of Orientation and Mobility 3 hours
 SPE 507 Introduction to Visual Impairments, Autism, & Severe/Multiple Disabilities 3 hours

Fall

SPE 505 Braille Reading and Writing I 3 hours
 SPE 508 Low Vision, Anatomy, and Physiology of the Eye 3 hours

Spring

SPE 509 Methods of Teaching Students with Visual Impairments & Multiple Disabilities 3 hours
 SPE 511 Braille Reading and Writing II 3 hours

Available all semesters

SPE 591 Clinical Practicum in Special Ed 3 hours
 Praxis II Exams: # 20353, # 10542

Total: 21 hours

Additional Coursework required to sit for the National exam in order to add National certification in Orientation and Mobility. (This option is only available for those admitted to the "Project Diverse" grant program.)

SPE 512 Instruction Techniques and Strategies of Orientation and Mobility 6 hours
 SPE 514 Professional Issues and Assessment in Orientation and Mobility with Diverse Populations 3 hours
 SPE 591 Internship in Orientation and Mobility 3 hours

Total: 12 hours

Master of Science in Education (MSED) in Special Education

Students who wish to earn an MSED degree while pursuing Visually Impaired certification must complete additional graduate hours in consultation with their Graduate Advisor to reach a total of 33 graduate credit hours.

Total: 33 hours

Additional Education Coursework required for Non-Certified candidates to earn initial Certification in Visually Impaired:

Note: These courses can be taken at any Missouri College or University with a DESE - Approved Teachers Education program. Please contact the Teacher Certification office for approval prior to enrollment in courses at another institutions.

EDC 350 School and Society 3 hours
 Choose One: 3 hours
 SPE 310 Introduction to Special Education
 SPE 615 Foundations in Special Education

Choose One: 3 hours
 PSY 360 Educational Psychology
 PSY 603 Human Growth and Development

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