

# Missouri State University

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## Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Certification Visually Impaired (Blind and Partially Sighted) Birth - Grade 12 DESE Approved Alternative Certification Program (Effective Fall, 2008)

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.

### 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 609	Methods of Teaching Students with Visual Impairments & Multiple Disabilities	3 hours
SPE 611	Braille Reading and Writing II	3 hours

Available all semesters

SPE 689	Clinical Practicum in Special Ed	3 hours
Praxis II Exams: # 20353, # 10542		

**Total:** 21 hours

### Additional Education Coursework and Praxis II exam 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
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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

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

### 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**

#### For More Information

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