

COURSE SEQUENCE

FALL

Braille Code
(3 cr.)

Medical and Educational Implications of VI
(3 cr.)

Assistive Technology for Individuals with Sensory Impairments
(3 cr.)

Positive Behavior Supports (3 cr.)

SPRING

Curriculum and Assessment for Students with VI
(3 cr.)

Braille Reading and Writing
(3 cr.)

SUMMER

Teaching Methods for Students with VI (3 cr.)

Orientation and Mobility for Students with VI
(2 cr.)

Consultation and Collaboration
(3 cr.)

OFFERED Fall and Spring:

Characteristics of Students with VI
(2 cr.)

INTERNSHIP

Four to twelve credits to be completed by the end of the program depending on university.

Students may begin program during any semester but must take Characteristics of Students with VI during first semester.

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VIRGINIA CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHER PREPARATION IN VISION IMPAIRMENT

A Certificate and Masters Program in Visual Impairment



WHAT IS THE VI CONSORTIUM?

The VI Consortium is the only academic program for preparing teachers of students with visual impairments in Virginia and is comprised of five universities: George Mason University, James Madison University, Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, and Radford University. Its primary goal is to prepare teachers to be highly skilled at working with students with visual impairment and blindness. Completion of the VI program meets the Virginia Department of Education's required competencies for teachers of students with vision impairments.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

Classes are offered through a combination of web conferencing, Blackboard and face-to-face meetings. Live web conference courses allows teacher candidates to experience real-time, interactive, multipoint instruction from their home, office, or other private location. On-line learning through Blackboard offers candidates anytime, anywhere access to course content. A few courses require some face-to-face meetings, which are scheduled during the weekends or during the summer. All courses are offered in the evenings to meet the needs of those who are working full time.

MORE INFORMATION?

For detailed information about the program, visit the VI Consortium online at: <http://kihd.gmu.edu/vi>

