

# Program Schedule

*Classes required for*

*Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments:*

## 1st Summer Session

Foundations of Visual Impairments

### 1st Fall

Braille I

### 1st Spring

Braille II

Introduction to Orientation & Mobility

### 2nd Summer

Anatomy & Function of the Eye

### 2nd Fall

Visual Impairment with  
Multi-Sensory Impairments

### 2nd Spring

Methods and Strategies for TVI  
Internship

Online classes supplemented  
with University Weekends

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& VISUALLY IMPAIRED**  
*presents...*



**PROJECT V.I.P.**  
(VISUALLY IMPAIRED PROGRAM)

**TEACHER OF  
STUDENTS WITH  
VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS**

*Certification  
Program*

*through NM State University*

# *Pursue a rewarding career in Education for the Blind & Visually Impaired!*

## **Description of Program:**

This program is made possible through a collaborative effort between New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, which underwrites the program financially and New Mexico State University. It is the mission of this program to provide teachers with the specialized knowledge and skills necessary to provide optimal learning opportunities for students who have visual impairment and with additional challenges.

## **Program Accreditation:**

This program is accredited through the Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of Persons with Visual Impairment or Blindness and the Council of Exceptional Children, Division 17. In addition, the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) currently accredits all programs in the NMSU College of Education.

## **Program Delivery:**

The courses are delivered by Online (WebCT) instruction and "University Weekends" where

students and faculty periodically come together to have face-to-face instruction.

## **Available Degrees, Licensures, & Certifications:**

- Masters in Special Education (M.A.)
- Educational Specialist (Ed.S.)
- Certified Teacher of Visually Impaired

## **Program Entry Requirements:**

Applicants to the program must:

- Hold a Bachelor's degree in a related area (e.g. elementary, secondary, early childhood, or special education)
- Have current teacher certification in the state where they reside.
- Be admitted to the NMSU Graduate School
- Be admitted to the Department of Special Education/Communication Disorders

## **Tuition Scholarships:**

Scholarships are available to those who are currently employed as teachers in New Mexico and

meet policy guidelines. For additional scholarship information, please contact:

- Dr. Wood at (575) 646-4121;
- or Veronica Hernandez, NMSBVI Human Resources Department, 1-800-437-3505, extension 4468 or email [hr@nmsbvi.k12.nm.us](mailto:hr@nmsbvi.k12.nm.us)

## **Application Procedures:**

- Students must complete the application for regular graduate admission at <http://www.nmsu.edu/%7Egradcolg/admit-form.html>
- Students applying for admission as non-degree, pending formal admission into the Graduate School will need to complete the non-degree application, which can be completed on-line at [http://distance.nmsu.edu/nondeg\\_form.html](http://distance.nmsu.edu/nondeg_form.html)
- After downloading the application, please call us at 1-800-821-1574 and we will verify transmission and take course registration information.
- For those wishing to earn a Masters in Special Education all 24 hours of coursework taken for the TVI will count toward an M.A. Degree.

