The Orientation and Mobility Concentration, M.Ed.

Description of the Program

The Orientation and Mobility concentration focuses on training professionals to work with students with visual impairments and deafblindness how to independently travel. The coursework combines theoretical, research, and practical skills that prepare individuals to become professionals in this field. The program is mapped to the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) Orientation and Mobility Body of Knowledge and Clinical Practice Competencies. Completion of the program along with the internship should allow students to sit for the Certified Orientation and Mobility (COMS) examination.

Admission Requirements

To be admitted to the program, a student must

• hold a minimum of a bachelor’s degree, and
• hold a teaching certificate in education (any content area).

Program Requirements

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<td>EDC 551</td>
<td>FOUNDATIONS OF VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS</td>
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<td>EDC 654</td>
<td>INTRODUCTION TO BRAILLE LITERACY</td>
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<td>Six (6) hours of education electives.</td>
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These two courses must be graduate coursework with an ED or EDC prefix unless granted special permission by the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. The two electives should be selected in coordination with the program’s coordinator. However, these are recommended:

EDC 656, EDC 657, EDC 653, ED 535, ED 565, ED 530, ED 540, ED 570, EDC 636, EDC 625

EDC 652 | INTRODUCTION TO ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY       | 3              |
EDC 560 | INTERMEDIATE ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY SKILLS  | 3              |
EDC 561 | ADVANCED ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY SKILLS      | 3              |
EDC 662 | INTERMEDIATE ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY SEMINAR | 3              |
EDC 663 | ADVANCED ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY SEMINAR     | 3              |
EDC 682 | O&M AND STUDENTS WITH MULTIPLE DISABILITIES   | 3              |
EDC 692 | ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY INTERNSHIP (May be completed in 1 hour increments throughout the program.) | 3 |

Total Semester Hours 33