

Certificate in Visual Impairment

This online certificate will consist of four undergraduate courses totaling 12 credits via a prescribed sequencing of courses. Two of the courses will be required. Additionally, participants will select two of the optional prescribed courses. Earned credits can be counted in a plan of study towards a bachelor's degree or completed as a stand-alone credential. Certificate offerings have no interruption or delay to ongoing education.

Each of the four courses will be cross-listed with current graduate-level courses in the specialization of Visual Impairment. These courses will provide essential skills and practical knowledge for supporting individuals with Visual Impairments in educational and community settings. The overall course curriculum would include but is not limited to a theoretical foundation of knowledge in the area of Visual Impairment, and a wide range of competencies that are necessary for the provision of effective education/support programming for individuals with a Visual Impairment. The four 3 credit courses include the following:

Code	Title	Credits
Required: (total 6 credits)		
SPED 400	Introduction to Visual Impairment	3
SPED 405	Low Vision Assessment and Remediation	3
Options: Participants select two of the following three courses: (total 6 credits)		
SPED 401	Diseases and Function of the Eye	2
SPED 403	Orientation and Mobility	2
SPED 404	Communication Media/Methods Visual Impairment	3
SPED 430	Braille Code 1	2
SPED 431	Braille Code 2	2
SPED 432	Visual Impairment / Early Intervention	3
SPED 433	Technology for Visual Impairment	3
SPED 434	Teaching Students with Multiple Disabilities Visual Impairment	3
SPED 485	Internship: Visual Impairment	1-6

Faculty teaching in the Graduate Special Education program will also be teaching in the undergraduate Certificate in Visual Impairment program due to cross-listing. Access to all existing UND library resources will be available for students in the undergraduate certificate program.