

Blindness and Low Vision Studies

Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) offers four master's degree programs and certificates in Blindness and Low Vision Studies (BLVS). These programs combine distance learning education, on-campus residencies, and extensive fieldwork experiences.

About Our Program

Master's degrees and certificates are available in the following areas:

- Low Vision Rehabilitation (LVR)
- Orientation and Mobility (O&M)
- Teacher of Students with Vision Impairments (TVI)
- Vision Rehabilitation Therapy (VRT)

All applicants must have completed their undergraduate studies and must hold an undergraduate or graduate degree from an accredited college or university in order to be admitted to a program in the Department of Blindness and Low Vision Studies.

Admissions Checklist

- ☐ Complete an application at GradCAS.
- ☐ Complete a bachelor's degree.
- ☐ Submit a CV/Resume.
- ☐ Write a Statement of Purpose.
- ☐ Submit a letter of recommendation.

Application Deadline

Applications for Blindness and Low Vision Studies are accepted each semester:*

- Fall Semester - July 15.
- Spring Semester - November 30.
- Summer Semester - April 15.

*Deadlines subject to change

For specific details on the above admissions requirements and deadlines, visit ***Drexel.edu/ElkinsPark/Admissions.***

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Low Vision Rehabilitation Program

This program prepares professionals in rehabilitation, eye care, education and other related professions, to work more effectively in clinical rehabilitation and educational settings with people who have low vision. Emphasis is placed on an interdisciplinary team approach to service delivery. Program participants represent disciplines such as rehabilitation counseling, vision rehabilitation therapy, special education, orientation and mobility, occupational therapy, social work, optometry and ophthalmology.

Orientation and Mobility Program

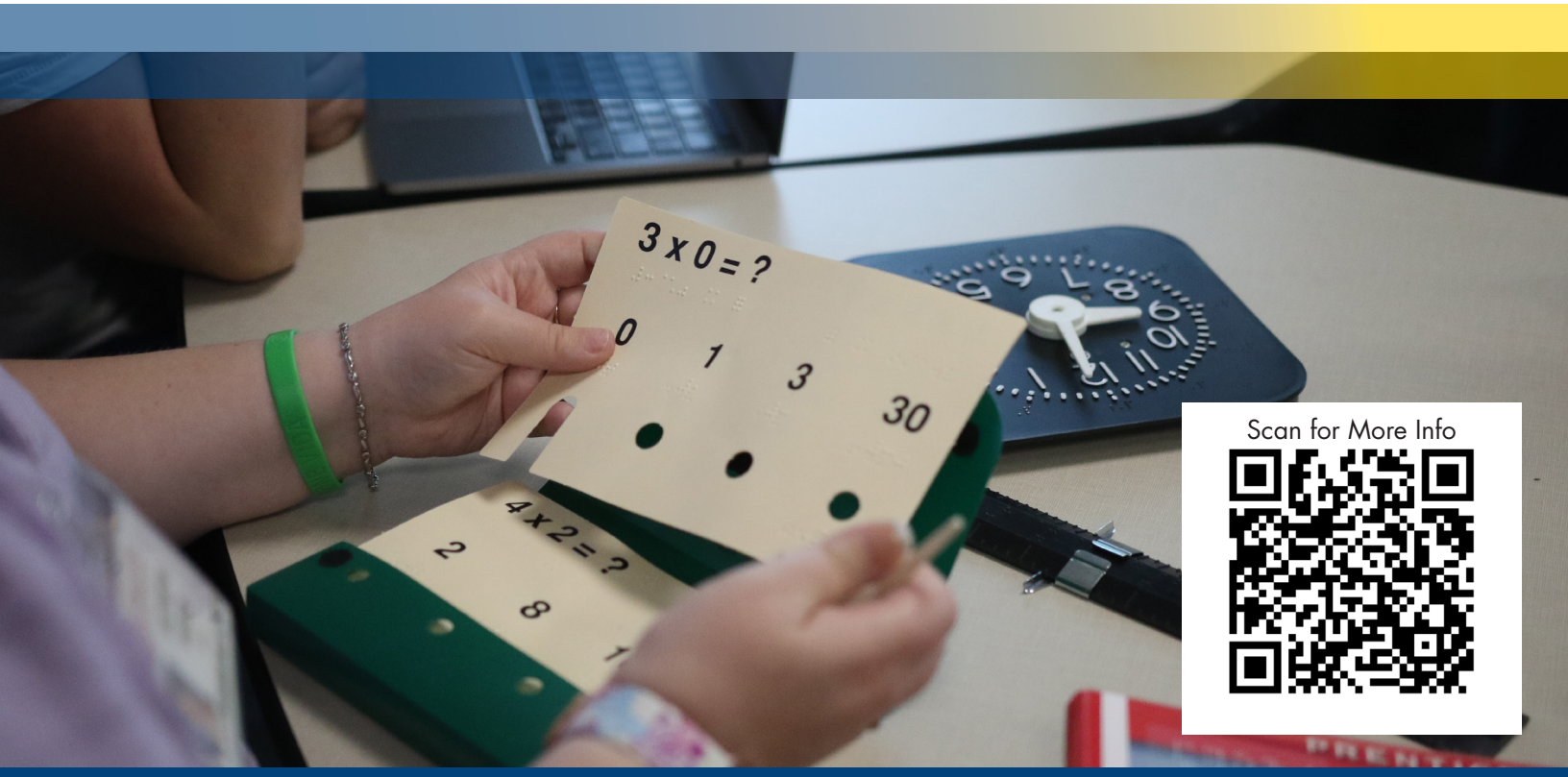
O&M instruction is typically conducted one-on-one, tailored to each individual, and includes skills such as effective use of the individual's remaining senses, concept development, orientation skills, problem-solving skills, use of a long cane or other mobility systems, instruction in the use of optical and/or electronic devices, and travel in a variety of settings including the use of public transportation when appropriate.

Teacher of Students with Vision Impairments Program

This competency-based program offers coursework and practical experiences that develop the necessary knowledge and skills required for the instruction of infants, children and youth who are totally blind or visually impaired, and those with multiple disabilities.

Vision Rehabilitation Therapy Program

This program prepares professionals with expertise in related professions (for example, occupational therapy, social work, gerontology, rehabilitation, special education in visual impairment, O&M, etc.) to provide comprehensive vision rehabilitation therapy services (adaptive activities of daily living/independent living skills) to blind or visually impaired individuals across the lifespan, specifically adults/older adults.



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