

MEd and/or Certificate to Prepare for Licensure in Special Education of Students With Visual Impairments

Teacher of Students with Vision Impairments

The Department of Blindness and Low Vision Studies offers a Master of Education (MEd) Degree in Blindness and Vision Impairments and a Certificate Program for Teacher of Students with Vision Impairments.

Why Drexel?

- These competency-based programs offer coursework and practical experiences that develop the necessary knowledge and skills required for the instruction of infants, children and youth who are blind or visually impaired, and those with multiple disabilities.
- The program is aligned with standards set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Council for Exceptional Children's Division of Visual Impairment and Deafblindness.
- Programs are offered for part- and full-time study, with coursework primarily online during the fall and spring terms, a four-week summer residency on the Elkins Park, Pennsylvania Campus for two summers, and an internship.

Admissions Checklist

- ☐ Complete an application at GradCAS.
- ☐ Complete a bachelor's degree.
- ☐ Submit a CV/Resume.
- ☐ Write a statement of purpose.
- ☐ Submit one letter of recommendation.
- ☐ Submit a copy of your teaching certificate (not required).

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

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Career Description

- Serve as the educational team's expert on blindness and visual impairment.
- Collaborate with and learn from families and other professionals to increase student independence.
- Incorporate the use of braille, assistive technology and other communication modes within instruction.
- Teach students how to advocate for their needs and accommodations.
- Prepare students for college and competitive employment.

Work Environments

- Private and public schools.
- Schools for the blind and visually impaired.
- Student group homes.
- Government agencies.
- Universities.

Career Advantages

- Learn the braille code.
- Tuition grants and stipends are often available.
- Work according to the academic calendar.
- Teach one-on-one or teach a class of students.
- Employment often secured before graduation.

Gainful employment data for graduates of certificate programs can be found at **Drexel.edu/ElkinsPark/Gainful-Employment.**



For more information, the Office of Graduate Admissions welcomes inquiries by prospective students. Call ***1.800.2.DREXEL*** *or visit* ***Drexel.edu/ElkinsPark/Admissions.***