

Master of Science and/or Certificate to Prepare to Facilitate Independent Living to/for individuals Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

Vision Rehabilitation Therapy

The Department of Blindness and Low Vision Studies offers a Master of Science (MS) degree and a Certificate Program in Vision Rehabilitation Therapy (VRT).

Why Drexel?

- Both programs prepare professionals with the knowledge, skills, and tools to provide comprehensive instruction and training in activities of daily living to facilitate safe and independent living to/for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.
- Students gain expertise in related fields such as occupational therapy, psychology, social work, gerontology, special education in visual impairment and orientation and mobility.
- VRT programs at Drexel University, Elkins Park Campus, satisfy the requirements for national certification by the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP).
- Programs can be taken on a full-time or part-time basis and are mostly delivered online, with an eight to ten week summer on-campus residency, 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.

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

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Career Description

- Help vastly improve the quality of life for individuals with congenital visual impairment or vision loss by restoring independence.
- Work with a broad and diverse population, including transition-aged youth through older adulthood.
- Demonstrate adaptive strategies and techniques for performing activities of daily living in the areas of home management, personal management, communications, personal adjustment to vision impairment, home maintenance, recreation and leisure, assistive technology, transition and employment services, and dissemination of information and resources.

Work Environments

- Home care.
- Rehabilitation centers.
- Hospitals (i.e. Veterans Administration).
- Assisted living facilities.
- School settings (i.e. College/University).
- Work sites and community environments.

Career Advantages

- Rewarding career with the ability to positively impact an individual's life.
- Critical shortage and need for specialized professionals in the blindness and low vision fields.
- Positions available nationally and internationally.
- Work one-on-one with clients.

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.***