

Licensure Program for Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments

A **Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments (TVI)** is an educator with specialized training to support the unique learning needs of children who are visually impaired or blind. TVI responsibilities may include teaching an elementary student who is blind how to read and write Braille, making classroom adaptations for a middle school student in a regular classroom setting, introducing a magnification aid to a preschooler with low vision and helping a child with visual and additional disabilities learn daily living skills.

Why Become a TVI?

- **Make a tremendous impact in each child's life.** Greatly individualized, TVI often provide one-on-one services to best meet the unique needs of each student.
- **You will be highly sought after.** There is a critical TVI shortage in Ohio and nationally. The need is expected to grow.
- **It's a challenging career that utilizes your varied talents.** As a TVI, you communicate with optometrists, consult with teachers and families, teach vision-related skills and implement environmental modifications that will enable students to access meaningful educational experiences.
- **You may be eligible for financial assistance.** Please note that sources of funding have been identified that may be of financial assistance. All programs have different requirements of eligibility. Please review the program eligibility in order to determine if you qualify for the funding listed below.

Funding Information

- The Ohio State University sponsored sites:
 - o [The Ohio State University Graduate School Scholarships](#)
 - o [The College of Education and Human Ecology Scholarships](#)
- External sites:
 - o [VI and O&M Professionals Scholarship Program](#)
 - o [National Federation of the Blind Scholarship](#)
 - o [American Council of the Blind of Ohio Scholarship](#)

Additional Information

While every effort has been made to design this program so that it is flexible for working professionals, some students may need to take time off (i.e. personal leave, professional leave, vacation) because of the required number of hours for licensure and the importance of quality experiences during the fieldwork facet of the program. It will be the responsibility of each student to work out the scheduling of these hours, which may require making special arrangements with his/her employer, when necessary. Face-to-face classes are offered on Saturday sessions.