

Master of Education in Special Education: Visual Impairment

The Master of Education degree in Special Education: Visual Impairment is a degree offered collaboratively by USC Upstate and the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind. Orientation sessions for potential candidates are offered prior to the beginning of the summer sessions and at the beginning of the fall semester. More information about this program is available from the USC Upstate Graduate Programs Office at 864-503-5573.

The masters in Special Education-Visual Impairment requires:

1. Successful completion of an approved program of study providing 39 hours of graduate credit.
2. Successful completion of a case study demonstrating competency in working with

individuals with visual impairment. The portfolio will be a requirement in SVIP 735: Practicum in Special Education.

For the degree, a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (B) is required on the total graduate program. An accumulation of grades below B on 12 hours of graduate work attempted at the university will disqualify a student for a graduate degree.

Every candidate admitted for the degree of Master of Education in Special Education - Visual Impairment will have a faculty advisor assigned to monitor the program of study. The program is a Cohort model intended to be completed in two calendar years; however the program may be extended over four years. Embedded in degree requirements are courses required for an endorsement in vision education.

Master of Education in Special Education: Visual Impairment *Student Worksheet*

I. Research Competencies (3 credits)

_____ SERM 700: Introduction to Research in Education 3

II. Professional Studies (6 credits)

_____ SLCY 722: Developing Literacy from Kindergarten through Second Grade 3

_____ SEPS 725: Advanced Study of K-12 Curriculum 3

III. Visual Impairment Studies (29 credits)

_____ SVIP 610: The Nature and Needs of Learners with Visual Impairment 3

_____ SVIP 650: Anatomy, Physiology, and Disorders of the Visual System 3

_____ SVIP 675: Functional Low Vision Assessment and Intervention 3

_____ SVIP 705: Literary Braille Code 3

_____ SVIP 706: Advanced Braille 3

_____ SVIP 712: Assistive and Instructional Technology for Learners with Visual Impairment 3

_____ SVIP 717: Orientation and Mobility for Learners with Visual Impairment 3

_____ SVIP 724: Visual Impairment and Multiple Disabilities 3

_____ SVIP 730: Assessment and Educational Methods for Learners with Visual Impairment 3

_____ SVIP 735: Practicum in Special Education-Visual Impairment 3

Master of Education in Special Education: Visual Impairment *Suggested Sequence of Courses*

First Year

Summer I

(Courses offered on the campus of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind)

SVIP 6103

SVIP 7173

Summer II

SVIP 6503

Fall (Courses offered by Distance Learning)

SVIP 6753

SVIP 7053

Spring

SVIP 706 (course offered by Distance Learning)3

SERM 7003

(*course offered on campus in Spring for regional candidates. Candidates may also elect to take SERM 700 in DVD format from Columbia in the Summer.)

Second Year

Summer I

(Courses offered on the campus of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind)

SVIP 7123

SVIP 7303

Fall (Courses offered by Distance Learning)

SVIP 7243

SEPS 7253

Spring (Courses offered by Distance Learning)

SVIP 7353

SLCY 7223

Total Hours39