BLINDNESS AND VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS PK-12 LICENSURE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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Program added on June 1, 2021. Formerly a concentration within the Special Education Graduate Certificate. This new program has been approved with an initiation term of Fall 2021. Program title edited on February 10, 2022. Previously titled Visual Impairments Licensure, PK-12 Graduate Certificate.

This 26-credit Graduate Certificate provides teacher candidates with the tools they need to work with students who are blind and visually impaired, including those who have multiple disabilities and diverse learner characteristics. Candidates will gain skills and knowledge to support students in a variety of settings, including general and special education, in core content, and the Expanded Core Curriculum. This concentration is designed for candidates seeking Virginia initial teacher licensure in special education blindness and visual impairments (PK-12).

Admissions & Policies

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Policies

Students must complete EDSE 501 Introduction to Special Education, EDSE 511 Characteristics of Students with Visual Impairments, EDSE 532 Positive Behavior Supports, EDSE 663 Collaborative Teamwork to Support Students with Significant Disabilities, either prior to admission to the certificate or in conjunction with certificate coursework. Students who have completed graduate or undergraduate coursework in a university program prior to admission to the certificate may request that some courses be waived based on the content in prior coursework.

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-8).

Requirements

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Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 26