COURSE SEQUENCE

FALL
Braille Code (3 cr.)
Medical and Educational Implications of VI (3 cr.)
Assistive Technology for Individuals with Sensory Impairments (3 cr.)
Positive Behavior Supports (3 cr.)

SUMMER
Teaching Methods for Students with VI (3 cr.)
Orientation and Mobility for Students with VI (2 cr.)

OFFERED EVERY SEMESTER (each course to be completed once)
Characteristics of Students with VI (2 cr.)

SPRING
Consultation and Collaboration (3 cr.)
Curriculum and Assessment for Students with VI (3 cr.)
Braille Reading and Writing (3 cr.)

INTERNSHIP
Four to twelve credits to be completed by the end of the program depending on university.

Students may begin program during any semester but must take Characteristics of Students with VI during first semester.

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VIRGINIA CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHER PREPARATION IN VISION IMPAIRMENT
An Endorsement and Masters Program in Visual Impairment
WHAT IS THE VI CONSORTIUM?

The VI Consortium is the only academic program for preparing teachers of students with visual impairments in Virginia and is comprised of five universities: George Mason University, James Madison University, Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, and Radford University. Its primary goal is to prepare teachers to be highly skilled at working with students with visual impairment and blindness. Completion of the VI program meets the Virginia Department of Education’s required competencies for teachers of students with vision impairments.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Classes are offered through a combination of video conferencing, web conferencing, Blackboard and face-to-face meetings. Through video and web conferencing, students are able to experience real-time, interactive, multipoint instruction among the five universities. On-line learning through Blackboard offers students anytime, anywhere access to course content. A few courses require some face-to-face meetings, which are scheduled during the weekends or during the summer. All courses are offered in the evenings to meet the needs of those who are working full time.

MORE INFORMATION?

For detailed information about the program, visit the VI Consortium online at: http://kihd.gmu.edu/teacher_prep_program.