ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH BLINDNESS OR VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Do you have a passion for helping those who are blind or visually impaired? Do you have an interest in and aptitude for technology and problem solving? Then we designed this program with you in mind. We prepare vision professionals to advance their careers through additional knowledge in assistive technology to help those who are blind, visually impaired or have functional visual limitations. Our graduates work in education, the government, nonprofits and the private sector.

This program will help many of our graduates successfully pass the exam for Certified Assistive Technology Instructional Specialists for People with Visual Impairments (CATIS) offered though the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation & Education Professionals (ACVREP).

MEETING YOUR NEEDS

Coursework for this program is completely online, providing flexibility for working adults. Most students will complete this program in a year and a half while being enrolled part time.

This program requires a professional field experience that you could complete at your existing workplace. If you already have a master’s degree in a blindness and low vision discipline, you may be able to add as few as nine credits to complete this graduate certificate. You also may be able to use your previous field experience toward this certificate. Speak to an advisor in the department of Blindness and Low Vision Studies for more information.

Unlike some other graduate certificates, federal grant money may be available to cover up to 50 percent of instructional costs.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

wmich.edu/extended/academics/assistive-technology

ADMISSION INFORMATION

wmich.edu/apply/graduate/certificate
**AN EDUCATION THAT OPENS DOORS**

**PROGRAM COMPONENTS AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

We designed this graduate certificate program to fit around your busy work schedule. Collaborative and interactive classes are delivered 100 percent online. You can complete this program in a year and a half while being enrolled part time.

A field practicum allows you to apply your coursework learnings. If you already have a master’s degree in a blindness and low vision discipline, you may be able to count your master’s degree field practicum toward this program. That means you could complete this graduate certificate in as few as 9 credits.

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You may apply for admission to begin the program in the Fall, Spring or Summer II semester. Apply at least four weeks before the semester when you want to begin the program.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Bachelor’s degree.
- Minimum undergrad GPA 3.0.
- CV or resume.
- Education history and official transcript.
- A background in vision.
- Written personal statement.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- No GRE required.

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