Orientation and Mobility Program of Study

PREPARING FOR ADMISSION:

_____ An undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or higher for the last two years of undergraduate work.

_____ Three letters of recommendation.

_____ A completed admissions application to the Graduate School, www.grad.niu.edu. (A complete graduate application includes, a completed application, payment an application fee, official transcripts, required test scores, career goals statement, and letters of recommendation).

*The GRE is no longer required for admission to the OM program. Please be aware that if you are seeking grant aid from one of the vision grants in this department you may be required to take the exam. Please contact Dr. Kapperman, gkapperman@niu.edu for more information on the grants.

Fall 1:

_____ SEVI 510: Anatomy, Pathology and Function of the Eye

_____ SEVI 520: Literary Braille

_____ SEVI 530: Basic Orientation and Mobility

_____ SEVI 550: Assistive Technology

Spring 1:

_____ SEVI 541: Instructional Systems for Utilization of Low Vision

_____ SEVI 570: Advanced Orientation & Mobility (6 hrs.)

_____ SESE 792 or ETR 520: Educational Research

Summer 1:

_____ SEVI 551: Advanced Assistive Technology

_____ SEVI 552: Consultation and Collaboration

_____ SEVI 571: O&M for Learners with Multiple Disabilities
Fall 2:

_____ SEVI 585C: Internship in Orientation & Mobility (6-9 hrs.)

**If the internship assignment is in the schools, then the following are required:**

**Criminal Background Check:** Please check with your placement school to determine the process for obtaining the criminal background check.

**TB Test (within a calendar year before clinicals; provide vision office with evidence of negative result issued by medical office):** [http://www.teachercertification.niu.edu/tcp_tr.htm](http://www.teachercertification.niu.edu/tcp_tr.htm)

The following selections are suggestions for students who already have a degree in visual disabilities, and are pursuing a degree in O&M. See the program advisor for additional selections:

**Elective Courses in Visual Disabilities (VRT):**

_____ SEVI 543: Activities of Daily Living

_____ SEVI 560: Rehab Administration

_____ SESE 590: Workshop: Home Economics for the Rehabilitation Teacher

_____ SEVI 585B: Internship in Rehabilitation Teaching (6-9 hrs.)

**Elective Courses in Assistive Technology:**

_____ SESE 552: Assistive Technology for Multiple Disabilities

**Prior to graduation:**

_____ Meet with your advisor to determine if all requirements for your Masters have been completed.

_____ The semester before you plan to graduate complete the Application for Graduation. You should apply using My NIU, [http://www.niu.edu/myniu/](http://www.niu.edu/myniu/). Failure to do so will delay your graduation.

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