TVI Program of Study

Students seeking Initial Teacher Licensure in Special Education, Teacher of Students Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

This checklist is an advising tool. It is the student’s responsibility to read the Graduate Catalog for programmatic information including courses, course prerequisites and other program requirements. Teacher Licensure course work by differ from degree course work, work with your advisor to prepare for teacher Licensure.

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](http://www.grad.niu.edu). (A complete graduate application includes, a completed application, payment an application fee, official transcripts, required test score, career goals statement, and letters of recommendation).

Successful completion of the Illinois State Licensure Testing System Test of Academic Proficiency #400. You can find information and a study guide for this test located at [http://www.il.nesinc.com](http://www.il.nesinc.com). ACT+writing or SAT scores can be used in lieu of the TAP please contact the advisor for additional information If you choose this option you must contact the program advisor to make sure all of the correct paper work is filed.

Please provide a copy of the passing score to the graduate secretary in the Department of Special and Early Education (SEED), 162 Gabel Hall, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115.

*The GRE is no longer required for admission to the TVI 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.

Prior to student teaching you are required to complete the following:

Teacher of Students Who are Blind or Visually Impaired Content Test # 150 required for Licensure; take during last semester prior to student teaching, [www.ilnesinc.com](http://www.ilnesinc.com)

Special Education General Curriculum Test (SEGC) # 163 required for Licensure; take during last semester prior to student teaching, [www.ilnesinc.com](http://www.ilnesinc.com)

NIU School Safety Tutorial: [http://www.niu.edu/educator-licensure/requirements-testing/school-safety-tutorial.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/educator-licensure/requirements-testing/school-safety-tutorial.shtml) Please submit a copy of the email you receive to the Graduate Secretary once you complete the tutorial.

Mandated Reporter. If you already completed a workshop or course, please provide a copy of the passing scores to the graduate secretary, 162 Gabel Hall, Department of Special and Early Education,
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115. In you need to complete a tutorial please start at the NIU clinical office website, [http://www.cedu.niu.edu/seed/clinicals/specialEducation/index.shtml](http://www.cedu.niu.edu/seed/clinicals/specialEducation/index.shtml)

**TB Test (within a calendar year before clinicals; provide graduate secretary with evidence of negative result issued by medical office):** It is your responsibility to bring in a current TB Clearance card to the SEED Graduate Secretary (GA 162). You cannot student teach without a valid TB card.

**Criminal Background Check** To be completed at your placement location prior to starting your clinical or student teaching.

You need to complete a physical exam through the district you are assigned by the Clinical Office. *(105 ILCS 5/24-5) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-5) Sec. 24-5. Physical fitness and professional growth.*

**Prior to Licensure:**

Completion of the Teaching Performance Assessment (edTPA). General information may be located at [http://www.niu.edu/edtpa/candidate/index.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/edtpa/candidate/index.shtml)

License registration Please visit, [http://www.isbe.net/licensure/html/registration.htm](http://www.isbe.net/licensure/html/registration.htm) for information about registering your license.

**Fall 1:**

____ SEVI 500: Education of Students with VI
____ 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 521: Advanced Braille
____ SEVI 540: Communication Systems Used By Persons with VI
____ SEVI 541: Instructional Systems for Utilization of Low Vision
____ SEVI 580A: Teaching Practicum (1)
____ *Licensure elective if needed
Summer 1:

_____ SEVI 551 (TLSE 580): Advanced Assistive Technology
_____ SEVI 552: Consultation and Collaboration
_____ SESE 792 or ETR 520 Educational Research
_____ *Licensure Elective if needed
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Fall 2:

_____ SEVI 586: Topical Seminar in Teaching Students w/Visual Impairments
_____ SEVI 581 Student Teaching in Elementary Special Education: Vision Impairments (5)
_____ SEVI 582 Student Teaching in Secondary Special Education: Vision Impairments (4)

Spring 2:

_____ *Licensure Elective if needed
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*Licensure Electives: These courses maybe at the graduate or undergraduate level. Students can decide to take the course prior to enrolling in the program, during their time in the program as allowed by a max of 15 hours a semester, or after student teaching. Ideally students should complete this course work prior to student teaching. Licensure will not be grant until all course work is complete. Please work with the academic advisor to make the appropriate choice.

The course includes a course in:
- Child Development – NIU course(s) EPS 505
- Foundations of Education – NIU course(s) EPFE 201, 500, 521
- Multicultural Education – NIU course(s) LTIC 501, LTIC 520, LTIC 547
- Reading – NIU course(s) LTRE 500, LTRE 505, LTRE 516
- Foundations or Survey of Special Education – NIU SESE 540
- Assessment of Students with Special Needs – NIU ETR 524

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/. Failure to do so will delay your graduation. Revised 09/15