**Department of Special and Early Education**

**Visual Disabilities Program**

**Northern Illinois University**

**DeKalb, IL 60115**

**Checklist**

**Certificate of Graduate Study / Assistive Technology Instructional Specialist**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Application Requirements Checklist**

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|  | Apply to the NIU Graduate School Visual Disabilities Graduate Program in the area of Vision Rehabilitation Therapist (<https://ssl.niu.edu/app/application/>). |
|  | Apply to the Department of Special and Early Education for the Assistive Technology Instructional Specialist Certification of Graduate Study by completing the [application](http://www.cedu.niu.edu/seed/academic/CATIS/Vision_AT_Instructional_Specialist_Application.docx) form. |
|  | Official transcripts from all previous academic work. |
|  | A bachelor’s degree from an accredited 4-year institution with a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale |
|  | Copies of all current licensures and certifications (e.g., TVI, COMS, CVRT) |
|  | Official Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) scores.   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | GRE Verbal Percentile. List here:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | \_ | GRE Quantitative Percentile. List here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
|  | Three letters of [recommendation](http://www.cedu.niu.edu/seed/academic/CATIS/Vision_AT_Instructional_Specialist_Letter_Recommendation.docx) citing successful professional experience, positive dispositions, and potential for success as an Assistive Technology Instructional Specialist. |
|  | Completed [ACVREP CATIS Core Domain Area Checklist](http://www.cedu.niu.edu/seed/academic/CATIS/Vision_ACVREP_CATIS_Core_Domain_Area_Checklist.docx). |
|  | Documentation (e.g., official transcript or certificate of completion/attendance) must be provided for each Core Domain Area identified on the ACVREP CATIS Core Domain Area Checklist. |

**Program of Courses Checklist**

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| Semester 1 |  | **SEVI 550**: Assistive Technology for Persons with Visual Impairments (3 hrs.) |
|  | **SEVI 551**: Assistive Technology for Persons with Visual Impairments: Advanced Topics (3 hrs.) |
|  | **SESE 552**: Assistive Technology for Learners with Multiple Disabilities (3 hrs.) |
|  | **SEVI 596**: \*Seminar in Vision Assistive Technology for 21st Century Workforce Readiness (3 hrs.) |
| Semester 2 |  | **SEVI 585D**: \*Internship in Assistive Technology Instruction of Persons with Visual Impairments (12 hrs.) |

Exact Course titles TBD

In addition to the program of courses, a passing score on the ACVREP CATIS exam required for those seeking the ACVREP CATIS certification. This ACVREP requirement is not completed until after all required CATIS-specific coursework is completed. For more information about the ACVREP CATIS credential requirements including the exam, go to [www.acvrep.org/certifications/catis](http://www.acvrep.org/certifications/catis).

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