



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

**Department of Special and  
Early Education**

*College of Education*

**Visual Rehabilitation Therapy Program of Study**

**PREPARING FOR ADMISSION — REQUIREMENTS:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ An undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or higher for the last two years of undergraduate work.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two letters of recommendation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A completed admissions application to the [Graduate School](#).  
(A **complete** graduate application includes a completed application, payment of an application fee, official transcripts, required test scores, career goals statement, résumé, and letters of recommendation.)

The GRE is no longer required for admission to the Visual Rehabilitation Therapy (VRT) 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 Stacy Kelly, Ph.D., at [skelly@niu.edu](mailto:skelly@niu.edu) or Gaylen Kapperman, Ph.D., at [gkapperman@niu.edu](mailto: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
- \_\_\_\_\_ SEVI 560: Rehab Administration

**Spring 1:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ SEVI 540: Communication Systems Used By Persons with VI
- \_\_\_\_\_ SEVI 541: Instructional Systems for Utilization of Low Vision
- \_\_\_\_\_ SEVI 543: Activities of Daily Living

**Summer 1:**

\_\_\_\_\_ SEVI 551: Advanced Assistive Technology

\_\_\_\_\_ SEVI 552: Consultation and Collaboration

\_\_\_\_\_ SESE 590: Workshop: Home Economics for Rehabilitation Teachers

\_\_\_\_\_ SESE 792: Single Subject Research (if SESE 792 is not offered ETR 520 may be substituted)

**Fall 2:**

\_\_\_\_\_ SEVI 585B: Internship in Rehabilitation Teaching (6-9)

**Prior to graduation:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Meet with your advisor to determine if all requirements for your master's degree have been completed.

\_\_\_\_\_ The semester **before** you plan to graduate complete the Application for Graduation. You should apply using [MyNIU](#). Failure to do so will delay your graduation.