Orientation and Mobility 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 Orientation and Mobility (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 Stacy Kelly, Ph.D., at skelly@niu.edu or Gaylen Kapperman, Ph.D., at 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 and Mobility (6 hours)

____ SESE 792: Single Subject Research (if SESE 792 is not offered ETR 520 may be substituted)
Summer 1:

_____ SEVI 551: Advanced Assistive Technology
_____ SEVI 552: Consultation and Collaboration
_____ SEVI 571: Principles of Orientation and Mobility Techniques for Learners with Visual and Multiple Impairments

Fall 2:

_____ SEVI 585C: Internship in Orientation and Mobility (6-9 hours)

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.

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.

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