

Professional Development for Teachers of the Visually Impaired at University of South Carolina Upstate



Thank you for being a member of an elite cohort throughout the state who have chosen to teach students with visual impairment/blindness.

Our Graduate Program in Visual Impairment was established in 2002 through the support and combined efforts of the S.C. Department of Education, the S.C. School for the Deaf and the Blind, and the S.C. Commission of the Blind to meet a documented, critical need for teachers.

Our program is designed to accommodate working professional teachers.

USC Upstate provides on-site courses during our Summer Sessions, early June through early August, held on the campuses of USC Upstate and the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind. Both campuses are located in Spartanburg, SC. Housing is made available for Summer offerings. Web-based on-line courses are offered in the evening during the Fall and Spring semesters.



VI teachers who are in need of courses for recertification or wish to further their knowledge and skills in teaching VI may enroll in program courses as a non-degree seeking student.

The State Department of Education Renewal Credit Plan requires that any educator who has not earned a master's degree must earn at least sixty renewal credits (three semester hours) in graduate-level coursework to renew his or her current certificate.



For more information
Please contact the
Graduate Programs Office
for an application packet
at 864.503.5573
or email us at
soegradprog@uscupstate.edu

Courses offered for Re-certification or Add-on certification (endorsement)

State Department of Education requirements

Human Growth and Development or the equivalent
Teaching of Reading
Nature of Visually Impaired
Educational Procedures for Visually Impaired
Braille – Reading and Writing

Orientation and Mobility for the Classroom Teacher
Practicum in Instruction of the Visually Impaired Child*
Anatomy, Physiology, and Function of the Eye

Graduate courses offered at USC Upstate

SEPY 705: Children and Adolescents as Learners
SLCY 722: Developing Literacy from K thru 2nd
SVIP 610: Nature and Needs of Learners with VI
SVIP 730: Assess. and Educ. Methods for Learners with VI
SVIP 705: Literacy Braille Reading and Writing
or SVIP 706: Nemeth Code Braille
SVIP 717: Orientation and Mobility for Learners with VI
SVIP 735: Practicum in Special Education-VI
SVIP 650: Anat., Phys. and Disorders of the Visual System

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