Clinical Rehabilitative Services Credential
Orientation and Mobility
(Visual Impairment and Blindness)

The Clinical Rehabilitative Services Credential: Orientation and Mobility (O&M) provides blind, visually impaired and deaf-blind individuals with age-appropriate, hands-on experiences in natural travel settings to assist in the development of a meaningful conceptual understanding of home, school and community environment. The orientation and mobility (O&M) services credential authorizes the holder to provide services to students to allow them to learn how to navigate their environment and become independent travelers. The training prepares individuals to work with children birth to 22 years and adults who have visual impairments and blindness, including individuals with additional disabilities.

Note: This service credential program is a Professional Clear Credential and does not utilize the core requirements of the Education Specialist teaching credentials. The Basic Skills Requirement must be met (e.g. CBEST), but the subject matter (e.g. CSET Exam) and RICA are not required.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Prerequisites:

- Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- Grade Point Average of 2.75 or better in the last 90 quarter units or 60 semester units
- Verification of writing proficiency via passing UNIV 400 or UNIV 401, the Writing Proficiency Examination (WPE), or acceptable alternative by petition (e.g. proof of score of 41 or higher on writing section of CBEST)
- Plan your program with an Orientation and Mobility Specialist Training Program Credential Advisor
- Record of program application and successful interview with program faculty (space limited; federal traineeships may be available to eligible applicants)

For further information, contact a Credential Advisor at (323) 343-4400 or visit the Division of Special Education and Counseling office in King Hall C1064.

Core Requirements (12 units)

EDSP 400 Foundations of Special Education (4)
EDSP 500 Research Methods in Special Education (4)
EDSP 501 Problems and Practices in Special Education (4)
EDSP 511 Seminar in Multicultural Special Education (4)

Specialization Requirements (38 units)

EDSP 406 Observation in Orientation and Mobility (1, 1)
EDSP 465 Medical Aspects of Visual Impairments (3)
EDSP 469 Psychological, Sociological and Vocational Implications of Visual Impairment and Blindness (4)
EDSP 475 Orientation and Mobility for the Blind (6)
EDSP 476A Orientation and Mobility Instructional Seminar (1)
EDSP 476B Clinical Practice in Orientation and Mobility (4)
EDSP 503 Fieldwork in Special Education – Orientation and Mobility Internship (3, 3, 3)
EDSP 575A Advanced Seminar in Orientation and Mobility (1)
EDSP 575B Advanced Clinical Practice in Orientation and Mobility (4)
EDSP 576A Orientation and Mobility Seminar in Multiple Disabilities (2)
EDSP 576B Clinical Practice in Orientation and Mobility: Emphasis Multiple Disabilities (2)

Total Units 50

(Students should review the University Catalog for each course description and prerequisites. It is each student’s responsibility to check the Future Course Offerings in the Schedule of Classes for verification of quarter(s) in which courses will be offered.)

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