The Education Specialist Instruction Credential: Visual Impairments authorizes the holder to conduct assessments, provide instruction, and special education related services to individuals with a primary disability of visual impairment including blind, deaf-blind, and autism spectrum disorders within the disability area, from birth through age 22, and classes organized primarily for adults in services across the continuum of program options available.

PREREQUISITE (4 units)
*Prerequisite courses may be taken as part of the program if approved by the program coordinator.

EDSP 4000 Foundations of Special Education 3
EDSP 4001 Observations in Urban Classrooms 1

A. PRELIMINARY CORE REQUIREMENTS (13 units)

EDSP 4010 Cognitive, Linguistic and Literacy Processes in Individuals with Special Needs 3
EDSP 4050 Instruction to Support Students with Disabilities in Core English/Language Arts Curriculum 3
EDEL 4170 Curriculum and Teaching of Elementary Mathematics 3
EDSP 4064 Early Fieldwork in Teaching: Visual Impairments OR
EDSP 4084 Early Fieldwork in Approved Teaching Assignment: Visual Impairments 4

B. PRELIMINARY SPECIALIZATION REQUIREMENTS (33 units)

EDSP 4650 Medical Aspects of Visual Impairments 2
EDSP 4650L Functional Low Vision Assessment 1
EDSP 4660 Literary Braille Code for Individuals with Visual Impairments 3
EDSP 4690 Psychological, Sociological, and Vocational Implications of Visual Impairment and Blindness 2
EDSP 5640 Academic Skills for Individuals with Visual Impairment and Blindness 3
EDSP 5650 Advanced Braille Codes for Individuals with Visual Impairments 3
EDSP 5661 Braile Competency Examination 1
EDSP 5660 Functional Skills from the Expanded Core Curriculum for Students who are Blind or Visually Impaired 2
EDSP 5670 Low Incidence Early Childhood Special Education 2
EDSP 5690 Specialized Technology for Students with Visual Impairments 3
EDSP 5670 Seminar in Visual Impairment and Additional Disabilities 2
EDSP 4074 Final Directed Student Teaching with a Master Teacher: Visual Impairments OR
EDSP 4094 Final Directed Teaching in Approved Candidate Teaching Assignment: Visual Impairments 9

C. CLEAR CREDENTIAL REQUIRED CORE (9 units)

EDSP 5095 Seminar: Assessment of Induction Plan 3
EDSP 5671 Specialized Instructional Strategies for Struggling Readers and English Language Learners Who are Visually Impaired 3
EDSP 5672 Advanced Issues in Education of Students with Visual Impairment and Blindness 3

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Admission Requirements
- Bachelor’s degree (including the U.S. Constitution Requirement) from a regionally accredited college or university
- Attend group advisement (contact the Division of Special Education for dates of upcoming meetings)
- Grade point average of 2.75 or better in the last 60 semester units or 90 quarter units
- Proof of completion or attempt of Basic Skills Requirement (e.g. CBEST)
- Proof of completion of other required CTC exams and procedures as applicable
- Verification of negative TB test (within the last year)
- Verification of writing proficiency via passing UNIV 4000 or UNIV 4010, the Writing Proficiency Examination (WPE), or acceptable alternative by petition (e.g. proof of score of 41 or higher on writing section of CBEST)
- Completion of COMM 1100 or COMM 1510 or equivalent
- Completion of EDSP 4001 (includes verification of completion of 45 hours of supervised early field experience)
- Completion of official program planning form and record of successful interview with faculty advisor (and/or teaching credential admission committee)