



EL VISTA

Early Learning Visual Impairment Services,
Training and Advancement

Illinois State University
Department of Special Education
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Graduate specialization certificate:
Early Intervention Vision Specialist

**Instruction of four cohorts of students occurring
2015–2019**

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Cohorts #3 and #4 beginning July 2017 and 2018

The graduate certificate

This one-year, five-course sequence of study is aimed at increasing the number of professionals qualified to provide early intervention for young children who are blind or visually impaired. Candidates will earn a graduate specialization certificate: early intervention vision specialist from Illinois State University and will have the core knowledge competency needed to apply for the early intervention credential in Illinois.

Minimum admission criteria

- Undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university
- Orientation and mobility specialist or Illinois teacher license in low vision/blindness
- Minimum grade point average in the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the submission of acceptable Graduate Record Examination scores
- One year of successful teaching experience or successful petition to the Department of Special Education's Graduate Admissions Committee
- The applicant's stated professional development goals, expected to be facilitated by completion of the graduate specialization certificate
- Evidence of disposition for advanced study in the special education profession
- Preference will be given to applicants who are bilingual, from underrepresented populations, or are from high-need geographic areas in Illinois

Class locations

All courses in the program will be offered concurrently at two locations:

- Illinois State University, Normal
- Chicago suburb

Application deadline:

March 30, 2018
Admission notification: May 2018

Request more information:

- Education.IllinoisState.edu/cert_vision/elvista
- Email Mindy Ely at msely@IllinoisState.edu

Questions?

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Type of degree _____

College or University _____

COURSE SCHEDULE

Summer semester*
June–July 2018

Assessment of young children who are blind or visually impaired
SED 414, 3 hours

Impact of additional disabilities/deaf/blindness on the development of children who are blind or visually impaired
SED 417, 3 hours

6 Saturday seminars
September 2018–May 2019

Professional Practice: Early intervention vision specialist
SED 498, 3 hours

Summer semester*
June–July 2019

Collaboration with families and professionals serving young children who are blind or visually impaired.
SED 415, 3 hours

Intervention with young children who are blind or visually impaired
SED 416, 3 hours

*Summer classes will run for full days two to three days a week

