



# 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 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 17, 2017

Admission notification: April 14, 2017

## Request more information:

- Download admission materials from [Education.IllinoisState.edu/cert\\_vision/](http://Education.IllinoisState.edu/cert_vision/)
- Email Mindy Ely at [msely@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:msely@IllinoisState.edu)

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Type of Degree \_\_\_\_\_

College or University \_\_\_\_\_

## COURSE SCHEDULE

### Summer semester \* July, 2017

Assessment of young children who are blind or visually impaired

SED 414, 3 hours

Collaboration with families and professionals serving young children who are blind or visually impaired.

SED 415, 3 hours

### 6 Saturdays September-May

Professional Practice: Early intervention vision specialist

Home-based practicum

SED 498, 3 hours

### Summer semester 2018

Intervention with young children who are blind or visually impaired

Center-based practicum

SED 416, 3 hours

Impact of additional disabilities/deaf/blindness on the development of children who are blind or visually impaired

SED 417, 3 hours



\* Summer Classes will meet two to three times a week