



Virginia Consortium for Teacher Preparation in Vision Impairment

Teachers of students who are blind or visually impaired are in **very high demand** in Virginia and across the country. Working with students who are blind or visually impaired is a rewarding career option for teachers who:

- Enjoy working with students and families
- Are great collaborators and work well training other teachers, administrators and school personnel
- Use problem-solving, innovative and creative solutions to meet the diverse needs of students
- Are open to learning about technologies, devices and adaptations

The VI Consortium provides a grant covering approximately 50% of tuition for VI courses for qualified candidates.

- The VI Consortium equips teachers to work with students who are blind and visually impaired, including those who have multiple disabilities.
- Courses are delivered through distance education technologies, including web and video conferencing, online course tools and on campus learning environments.
- We are a Consortium of 5 participating universities: GMU, JMU, NSU, ODU, and RU
- Students may enroll through any one of these universities.
- All coursework is aligned with TBVI requirements set forth by the Virginia Department of Education.
- Grant participation requires certain entrance, continuance and exit requirements be met.

To learn more, please visit: <http://kihd.gmu.edu/vi>

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