

TVI Program of Study

Students seeking Initial Teacher Licensure in Special Education, Teacher of Students Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired

This checklist is an advising tool. It is the student's responsibility to read the Graduate Catalog for programmatic information including courses, course prerequisites and other program requirements. Teacher Licensure course work by differ from degree course work, work with your advisor to prepare for teacher Licensure.

PREPARING FOR ADMISSION:

- _____ An undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or higher for the last two years of undergraduate work.
- _____ A combined score equivalent to the 30th percentile or higher on the Graduate Record Examination General Test. Information about taking the exam can be found at www.gre.org (Your score is determined by adding the verbal and analytical portions of the exam). If you previously completed a master's degree, please discuss this with the special education advisor.
- _____ Three letters of recommendation.
- _____ A completed admissions application to the Graduate School, www.grad.niu.edu. (A **complete** graduate application includes, a completed application, payment an application fee, official transcripts, required test scores, career goals statement, and letters of recommendation).
- _____ Successful completion of the **Illinois State Licensure Testing System** [Test of Academic Proficiency](http://www.il.nesinc.com) #400. You can find information and a study guide for this test located at <http://www.il.nesinc.com>. ACT scores can be used in lieu of the TAP please contact the advisor for additional information If you choose this option you must contact the program advisor to make sure all of the correct paper work is filed.

Please provide a **copy of the passing score to the graduate secretary** in the Department of Special and Early Education (SEED), 162 Gabel Hall, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115.

Prior to student teaching you are required to complete the following:

Teacher of Students Who are Blind or Visually Impaired Content Test # 150 required for Licensure; take during last semester prior to student teaching, www.ilnesinc.com

Special Education General Curriculum Test (SEGC) # 163 required for Licensure; take during last semester prior to student teaching, www.ilnesinc.com

NIU School Safety Tutorial:

http://www.teachercertification.niu.edu/teachercertification/safety_tutorial/index.shtml Please submit a copy of the email you receive to the Graduate Secretary once you complete the tutorial.

Mandated Reporter. If you already completed a workshop or course, **please provide a copy of the passing scores to the graduate secretary**, 162 Gabel Hall, Department of Special and Early Education, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115. In you need to complete a tutorial please start at the NIU clinical office website, <http://www.cedu.niu.edu/seed/clinicals/specialEducation/index.shtml>

Criminal Background Check To be completed at your placement location prior to starting your clinical or student teaching.

TB Test (within a calendar year before clinicals; provide graduate secretary with evidence of negative result issued by medical office): It is your responsibility to bring in a current TB Clearance card to the SEED Graduate Secretary (GA 162). You cannot student teach without a valid TB card.

Prior to Licensure:

Assessment of Professional Teaching (APT) # 188 is required for Licensure you should take this test while student teaching or during your last semester. The following test must be completed in order to process your teaching license application. You can locate additional information at www.il.nesinc.com

NIU has to have your official "pass" score on file before sending your information to enable you to be licensed, so if you choose to take the test while student teaching, it must be prior to mid term of the semester.

Course sequence

Fall 1:

- _____ SEVI 500 (TLSE 530): Education of Students with VI
- _____ SEVI 510 (TLSE 531): Anatomy, Pathology and Function of the Eye
- _____ SEVI 520 (TLSE 532): Literary Braille
- _____ SEVI 530 (TLSE 536): Basic Orientation and Mobility
- _____ SEVI 552 (TLSE 571): Consultation and Collaboration

Spring 1:

- _____ SEVI 521 (TLSE 533): Advanced Braille
- _____ SEVI 540 (TLSE 534): Communication Systems Used By Persons with VI
- _____ SEVI 541 (TLSE 573): Instructional Systems for Utilization of Low Vision
- _____ SEVI 550 (TLSE 579): Assistive Technology
- _____ SESE 792 or ETR 520 Educational Research

Summer 1:

_____ SEVI 551 (TLSE 580): Advanced Assistive Technology

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Fall 2:

_____ SEVI 542 (TLSE 535): Instructional Systems for Teaching Students Who Are VI

_____ SEVI 580A (TLSE 584): Teaching Practicum (3 hrs.)

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Spring 2:

_____ SEVI 585A (TLSE 588A): Teaching Internship (6 hrs.)

Licensure Electives: (offered every semester; can be taken as a SAL, before admission to Graduate School, or during any semester of the program). Please with the program advisor for additional choices or determine if you have completed the appropriate course work.

The course includes a course in:

Child Development – NIU course(s) EPS 505

Foundations of Education – NIU course(s) EPFE 201, 500, 521

Multicultural Education – NIU course(s) LTIC 501, LTIC 520, LTIC 547

Reading – NIU course(s) LTRE 500, LTRE 505, LTRE 516

Foundations or Survey of Special Education – NIU SESE 540

Assessment of Students with Special Needs – NIU ETR 524

Prior to graduation:

Meet with your advisor to determine if all requirements for your Masters have been completed.

The semester before you plan to graduate complete the Application for Graduation. You should apply using My NIU, <http://www.niu.edu/myniu/> . Failure to do so will delay your graduation.