

The University of Arizona:
Special Education, Rehabilitation, and School Psychology

COURSE OUTLINE FOR TEACHERS OF VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS SPECIALIZATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____ SID#: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Advisor: _____

Certification Semester Entered _____

Master's degree Semester Entered _____

College Requirements: Prerequisite SERP 400 or a course in Survey of Exceptionality

Course	Credits	Semester Plan to Take	Semester Completed	Grade
SERP 503 Special Services in Schools	3			
SERP 556 Research Methods in Education	3			

One of the 3 courses below are required by the College

EDUC 502 Variations in Learners	3			
SERP 504 Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in Exceptional Learners (offered Fall only)	3			
SERP 587 Psychosocial & Cultural Aspects of Disability	3			

Teacher of the Visually Impaired Core Requirements

SERP 521 Introduction to Visual Impairments and Deaf-Blindness	3			
SERP 520 Low Vision and Visual Functioning	3			
SERP 524 Methods of Teaching the Visually Impaired	3			
SERP 522 Orientation & Mobility for Teachers of Individuals with Visual Impairments	3			
SERP 523a Braille I	3			
SERP 523b Braille II	3			
*SERP 575 Observation and Participation in Special Education Programs	3			
SERP 593 Internship	8			

*May be waived for students with 3 years of teaching experience or at adviser's discretion.

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Electives:

12 Elective Credits are required and are determined by advisor and student. They must include the following categories

1. three (3) credits in Teaching of Reading (if you have no previous course).

Options:

- SERP 508 Teaching Elementary Students with Learning Disabilities
- LRC 505 Essentials of Reading and Writing
- LRC 507 Teaching of Reading: Decoding and Comprehension
- Any other course in reading approved by adviser

2. three (3) credits in working with students who have multiple disabilities.

Options:

- SERP 513 Educating Students with Mental Retardation and Severe Disabilities
- SERP 515 Physical and Multiple Disabilities
- SERP 518 Augmentative Communication for Learners with Severe and Multiple Disabilities
- Any other course in multiple disabilities approved by adviser

3. three (3) credits in assistive technology, with emphasis on visual impairment

Options:

- SERP 519b Assistive Technology for Students with Visual Impairments
- SERP 566 Assistive Technology for People with Disabilities (3 units)
- Any other course in assistive technology approved by adviser

4. An additional elective from the following list

- SERP 501a Assessment and Instruction for Students with Early Reading and Spelling Difficulties**
- SERP 502 Behavior Principles and Disabilities*
- SERP 519c Advanced Low Vision (Offered every one to two years)
- SERP 534 Language Development for the Exceptional Child
- SERP 550 Introduction to Emotional or Behavioral Disorders
- Any other course in special education or a related field as approved by adviser

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*This is an on-line course taught in fall and spring semesters.

**This course is periodically taught as an on-line course.