



Professional Development and Research Institute on Blindness (PDRIB)  
Louisiana Tech University

Meaningful, rewarding careers in the field of blindness begin here!

Become Certified to Teach Blind/Visually Impaired Children in Louisiana

Scholarships are now available!

Through support from the Louisiana Department of Education, financial support is now available for individuals who wish to complete coursework and training with PDRIB in order to become certified in the state as a Teacher of the blind/Visually Impaired.

Many children with a significant visual impairment throughout our state do not have a certified teacher to help meet their learning needs, and their regular classroom teachers do not have the background or support from a trained specialist to help modify classroom materials in such a way that these children can get the education they desperately need to meet their full potential. This is where you come in!

Using innovative technology and support, individuals can now complete most of our coursework online regardless of where they live.

- No prior background or experience in blindness is necessary—we'll teach you everything you need to know.
- Scholarships are provided on a competitive basis to qualified persons and can cover tuition, fees, and necessary books and supplies.

If you already have a Bachelor's (B.A.) degree in any area from an accredited university, have a grade point average of 2.5, obtained passing scores on the PRAXIS I and II exams, and want to join this exciting career, contact us! We Offer both a Master of Arts in Teaching with Concentration in Teaching Blind Students and a Graduate Certificate in this area. (Note that certain exams may be waived for individuals who already hold a valid teaching certificate.)

For program details, [Click Here](#)

- Applications are now being accepted for Fall, 2016, with classes beginning September 7
- Financial support is prioritized to individuals who wish to take courses on a full time basis
- Subsequent funding is based on successful matriculation through the program

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