



**Trevecca Nazarene University**  
**Nashville, TN**  
**Department of Education**  
**Master of Education: Visual Impairments Special Education**

The Vision Institute is a master's degree program at Trevecca Nazarene University designed to equip teachers to work as special education teachers who are viewed as visual impairments experts, and may serve as itinerant teachers for students with visual impairments and other disabilities, and in specialized settings such as Tennessee School for the Blind.

In addition to course work, students will complete practicum hours in special education classrooms, a two-day, overnight experience at Tennessee School for the Blind, and a two week 40 hour practicum.

Trevecca's Vision Institute is funded through a grant from the State of Tennessee's Department of Education.\* To receive this scholarship in the master's program, individuals are required to agree to a service commitment upon completion of licensure requirements. This service agreement will be two years in Tennessee public schools, as one of the following: a teacher at Tennessee School for the Blind, an itinerant teacher serving students with visual impairment, blindness or other disabilities; or a special education teacher. Upon completion of the Vision Institute program, individuals will have a grace period of six months to secure employment and will have four years to fulfill the two year service requirement.

The program is also available to individuals who do not wish to commit to the two year service agreement but do want the degree. Tuition for such individuals will be at the regular graduate education tuition rate/fees.

\*Funds for this program are contingent on annual grant renewal by the state of Tennessee.

### **Application Deadline**

Only one cohort of 10 candidates per year is accepted. A new cohort will begin in July. To be considered for enrollment in this program for July, applicants must apply for admission to the program by March.

To learn more information, to apply to the program, and to see admission requirements, visit Trevecca's School of Education website: <http://www.trevecca.edu/academics/schools-colleges/education/vis>

To contact the School of Education, please email Mrs. Allison Dumas, Support Specialist, at [adumas@trevecca.edu](mailto:adumas@trevecca.edu).

### **Eligibility Criteria**

To apply for the program, applicants must have:

- An active Tennessee teaching license
- A bachelor's degree