

"Once I knew only darkness and stillness... my life was without past or future... but a little word from the fingers of another fell into my hand that clutched at emptiness and my heart leaped to the rapture of living!"

-Helen Keller



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Explore A Teaching Career With...



Creativity

Variety

Challenge

Compassion

Employability

**Become A Vision
Intervention Specialist!**

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Vision Intervention Specialist (VIS)

Also known as a “Teacher of Children who are Visually Impaired”, a VIS is an educator with specialized training in supporting the unique learning needs of children (infants/preschoolers and school age students) who are visually impaired or blind.

A VIS in Ohio Typically May work...

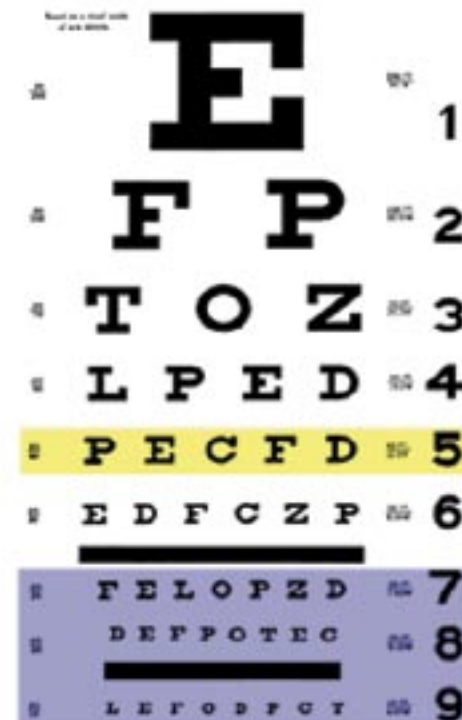
- at a state school for the blind as a classroom teacher
- within a public school district as a classroom/itinerant/consulting teacher
- for an MR/DD program as a consultant to classroom teachers

VIS Responsibilities May Include...

- teaching an elementary student who is blind how to read and write braille
- making classroom adaptations for a middle school student who is included in a regular education setting
- introducing a magnification aid to a preschooler with low vision
- helping a child with visual and additional disabilities in learning daily living skills

Why Become a VIS?

- You can make a tremendous impact on each child’s life. VIS services are greatly individualized and are often provided on a one-to-one basis, to best meet the unique needs of each student.
- You will be highly sought after. There is a critical VIS shortage in Ohio and nationally and the need is expected to continue to grow.
- You will be engaged in a challenging career that utilizes your varied talents. As a VIS, you will communicate with eye doctors, consult with teachers and families, teach vision-related skills and implement environmental modifications that will enable students to access meaningful educational experiences.
- You may be eligible for financial assistance to help support your university training. To receive tuition and fee waivers and a stipend for books at the Ohio State University, an individual must have initial licensure in one of the general education areas (early childhood, middle childhood, adolescent/young adult) or in one of the special education areas other than vision.



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