

# ORIENTATION & MOBILITY CREDENTIAL: SPECIAL EDUCATION

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The Clinical Rehabilitative Services Credential program in Orientation & Mobility (O&M) qualifies graduates to teach individuals who are blind or visually impaired the skills needed to navigate the environment safely and efficiently. Orientation and Mobility specialists work individually with people of all ages from birth through adulthood. Depending upon the age of the learner, orientation & mobility specialists teach skills such as concept development; sensorimotor functioning; use of a long cane and remaining vision; and how to familiarize oneself to a new building or location. Additional skills involve independent travel in residential neighborhoods, shopping malls, and business areas; crossing streets safely, using public transportation, and essentially all skills needed to navigate the environment safely and efficiently. Instruction may take place outdoors and indoors - in home, school, and community settings.

A two semester sequence of supervised clinical fieldwork and student teaching ensures that candidates are able to apply the knowledge and skills acquired through course content and assignments in a variety of orientation and mobility rehabilitation and school settings.

## Orientation & Mobility Credential: Special Education

### Core (6 units)

Code	Title	Units
SPED 747	Physical Disabilities and Sensory Impairments	3
SPED 788	Law, Ethics, and Instructional Planning	3

### Advanced Methods Courses (28 units)

Code	Title	Units
SPED 655	Basic Orientation and Mobility for Learners with Visual Impairments	3
SPED 749	Medical, Educational, and Rehabilitative Implications of Visual Impairment	4
SPED 753	Living Skills Assessment and Instruction for Learners with Visual Impairments	3
SPED 756	Orientation and Mobility Seminar	3
SPED 757	Visual Impairment: Special Populations	3
SPED 760	Methods in Orientation and Mobility I	3
SPED 792	Methods in Orientation and Mobility II	3
SPED 822	Methods in Orientation and Mobility III	3
SPED 823	Methods in Orientation and Mobility IV	3

### Clinical Fieldwork & Student Teaching (15 units)

Code	Title	Units
SPED 726	Workshop: Student Teaching Support Sessions for Mild/Moderate Support Needs or Orientation Mobility	3
SPED 730	Student Teaching: Special Education	9
SPED 731	Special Education Field Experience	3