

Graduate Certificate in Vision Impairment

Commencing term: Term 1

Duration: 1 Year

Delivery mode: Distance (online with some face to face elective options)

Program code: 7431

Designed for professionals from a variety of backgrounds – including health, education and social services – this vision impairment course equips you with the specialist knowledge to deliver inclusive, client-centred support.

Delivered by UNSW School of Optometry & Vision Science, this is Australia's first postgraduate qualification that focuses specifically on vision impairment. This program focuses on understanding the lived experience of vision impairment and building practical, evidence-based strategies to support individuals in their daily lives.

You will explore the causes and implications of vision loss, learn how to critically evaluate research in the field and develop the practical skills to improve the quality of life for people with blindness or low vision. Delivered 100% online for maximum flexibility, you'll gain a deep understanding of how to deliver client-focused services with an ethical and culturally aware lens. Plus, you will have the opportunity to specialise further with elective courses that dive into acting on opportunities to design assistive technologies, implications of development and aging for vision impairment, public health issues and policy, and research.

Program structure

The Graduate Certificate in Vision Impairment contains a total of 24 units of credit (UOC). This postgraduate qualification can be completed in under one year when studied full-time, or two years when studied part-time. Students must complete:

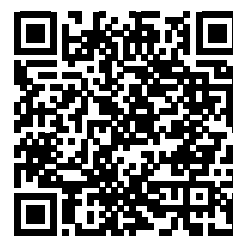
Three core courses (all online)

- The Visual System, Impairments & Implications
- Disability and Inclusion in Vision Rehabilitation
- Vision Rehabilitation

One elective course (Some optional electives have face to face components)

- Research Skills in Vision Science (online / face-to-face)
- Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology (face-to-face)
- Development and Ageing: Implications for Orientation and Mobility (online)
- Health Promotion and Social Perspectives of Health (online)
- Ethics & Law in Public Health (online)
- Sensory Processes and Movement* (face-to-face)

Required for students wishing to transfer to the Graduate Diploma in Orientation & Mobility



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How to apply?

Submit your application through our Apply Online portal. We encourage you to submit your completed application as early as possible to ensure it will be processed in time for your preferred term. Some high-demand programs and faculties with limited places may have an earlier application deadline or commencement date.



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