JMU is a participating member of the VI Consortium. The VI Consortium offers a program designed to meet the Virginia Department of Education’s required competencies for teachers of students with vision impairments. The consortium is comprised of five Virginia universities: George Mason University, James Madison University, Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, and Radford University.

As a member of the consortium, JMU offers a Master's in Special Education with a concentration in vision impairment and blindness. Students accepted into the post baccalaureate M.A.T. have an earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and meet all admissions requirements for the Graduate School. Completion of the post-bachelor degree M.A.T. program requires a minimum of 30 credit hours and prepares students for licensure. In addition to the required graduate coursework, students may be required to complete co/prerequisite coursework depending upon their prior academic preparation in order to meet Virginia licensure requirements.

For more information regarding the application process, please visit JMU Graduate School’s website.

For additional information regarding the VI Consortium, please visit the Virginia Consortium for Teacher Preparation in Vision Impairment website.

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