NCCU Visual Impairment Training Program
Tuition/Stipend Funding for O&M Candidates in Georgia

Full Out-of-State Tuition, Fees, and Stipend Available!!!!

Federal grant titled “Equipped for the Future: Transforming Education of Students with Visual Impairments through Technology and Personnel Preparation” (Award # H325K130405) will be used to prepare Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Specialists in Georgia (classes to be held in Macon).

**This opportunity is available for 6 students in 2014 and 6 students in 2016.**

In order to be eligible, students must be:

- Currently certified/licensed teacher of the visually impaired (TVI) and have taken the prerequisite course work as listed below:
  - Introduction to Visual Impairments
  - Introduction to Braille Code
  - Structure and Function of the Eye
  - Orientation and Mobility for the Classroom Teacher
- Fully admitted to the North Carolina Central University Licensure Add-On Program
- Willing to commit to work with children who are blind or visually impaired in the U.S. for twice as long as they receive financial support

Application deadlines:

- April 15, 2016 for the 2016-2017 cohort

The program consists of a total of 4 courses and an internship. The coursework is completed during 10 weekends during the school year. The internship must be completed within a year from the end of the coursework. This program will provide the coursework necessary to be eligible for certification through ACVREP.

Candidates who accept the OSEP grant funding will agree to a payback provision which requires two years of work in the field of visual impairment for each year of funding.

Additional information can be found through this link and can be addressed by calling the number on the website.

Grant website for payback.  [https://serviceobligations.ed.gov/](https://serviceobligations.ed.gov/)

Additional requirements of candidates receiving funding under the federal grant include:

1. Regular and frequent correspondence with the VITP program coordinator
2. Completion of the Program of Studies.

Participation in an O&M Mentor program for one year after completion.