

# Teaching and Supporting Learners with Visual Impairment in Further Education

**AdCert, PGCert**

Distance Education

## Is this programme for you?

This programme of study is delivered by VICTAR (Visual Impairment Centre for Teaching and Research) in collaboration with the RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind People) Post Compulsory Education and Training team.



### Programme aim

The programme is designed for professionals who teach and support learners with visual impairment in both mainstream and specialist colleges of further education. It is built around the recommended standards for Teaching and Supporting Learners with Visual Impairment in Further Education in England and Wales ([www.education.bham.ac.uk/research/victar](http://www.education.bham.ac.uk/research/victar)).

### What does the programme offer?

Compulsory modules:

#### 1 Learners with Visual Impairment in Further Education Identification: Assessment and Planning

This module will focus on identifying and assessing the needs of learners with visual impairment in Further Education and on planning and preparing teaching programmes for them.

#### 2 Learners with Visual Impairment in Further Education: Supporting the Learning Process

This Module is concerned with the key areas of understanding required for the successful development, management and support of the learning process for adults with a visual impairment. It covers the key factors involved in the management of learning such as the development of appropriate environments and specialist resources to support effective learning, and the key areas where additional support may be necessary including social and emotional adjustment, access to the additional curriculum and access to employment, rehabilitation and training.

#### 3 Effective Teaching of Learners with Visual Impairment in Further Education

The module focuses on the application of existing teaching strategies and the development of new approaches to meet the specific needs of learners with visual impairment (including those with multiple needs).

#### Study and awards

AdCert	3 Modules (Honours Level)
PGCert	3 Modules (Masters Level)

### How do you study?

The mode of delivery is Distance Education but students will be required to attend the University for study weekends and take part in regional seminars (normally one day per module) as directed. The programme includes a taught braille component and a teaching practicum that includes a negotiated 5-day programme of visits to specialist provision. On successful completion of the programme, participants may use the credits obtained towards a BPhil Degree, Postgraduate Diploma or an MEd, depending on their level of entry.



### What are the entry requirements?

Applicants will possess a recognised teaching qualification in Further Education (normally a Cert Ed FE) and have regular access to learners in Further Education who have a visual impairment.

### How do I apply?

If you require an application form please contact the School of Education on 0121 414 4866 or at [education@bham.ac.uk](mailto:education@bham.ac.uk) giving your name and address. An early application is advised as places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

### Learn more

For further information about this programme which commences in September 2009, or about other programmes of study in visual impairment, please contact:

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### Further information

For further information please see our website at [www.education.bham.ac.uk/research/victar/index.shtml](http://www.education.bham.ac.uk/research/victar/index.shtml)