## UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON

## Vision Studies Program School for Global Inclusion and Social Development

## Why a Degree in Vision Studies?

University of Massachusetts Boston Vision Studies program is the only online program in New England that offers graduate degree programs in the following areas:

- Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments
- Orientation and Mobility Specialists

The university is seeking graduate applicants in each of the six New England states and other states in high-need, and is particularly interested in expanding enrollment of students from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds as well as students with disabilities.

The UMass Vision Studies program has grant funding to address a national and regional shortage of teachers and related service professionals with specialized knowledge in visual impairments. Students meeting admission and grant scholarship requirements may be eligible for tuition support.

The UMass Boston Vision Studies program uses a combination of web-based courses, one in-person course for O&M, and field-based activities which allow students to build a portfolio of professional skills and experiences.

## **Requirements:**

Admissions to all University of Massachusetts Boston Graduate Programs are coordinated through the <u>Office of Graduate Admissions</u> and are completed through the online application. The program requires 2 letters of recommendation, evidence of MTEL testing for TVI, official transcripts with a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0, and a two-part essay.

Application deadline: 1 March, 2022

**All application documents must be received and processed by 1 March**. Note: It can take up to 14 days for Graduate Admissions to process documents. For additional academic information please visit our website at <a href="https://www.nercve.org">www.nercve.org</a>. For scholarship information please contact Dr. Laura Bozeman.

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