

Master of Science and/or Certificate to Prepares Orientation and Mobility Specialists for Individuals with Visual Impairments

Orientation and Mobility

The Department of Blindness and Low Vision Studies offers both Master of Science (MS) Degree and a Certificate Program in Orientation and Mobility (O&M).

O&M instruction is typically conducted one-on-one, tailored to each individual, and includes skills such as effective use of the individual's remaining senses, concept development, orientation skills, problem-solving skills, use of a long cane or other mobility systems, instruction in the use of optical and/or electronic devices, and travel in a variety of settings including the use of public transportation when appropriate.

Why Drexel?

- Prepares O&M specialists with the knowledge and skills needed to teach those with blindness or vision impairments skills to remain oriented in their environment and mobility skills to be independent within their environments.
- The O&M program offers full-time and part-time options, and the majority of the curriculum is taught online, with a summer residency and one additional week in the fall on campus, and culminates with an internship.
- Students are prepared for the requirements for the national certification by the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP).

Admissions Checklist

- ☐ Complete an application at GradCAS.
- ☐ Complete a bachelor's degree.
- ☐ Submit a CV/Resume.
- ☐ Write a statement of purpose.
- ☐ Submit one letter of recommendation.

For specific details on the above admissions requirements and deadlines, visit ***Drexel.edu/ElkinsPark/Admissions.***

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Career Description

Individualized instruction includes effective use of remaining senses, concept development, orientation skills, problem-solving skills, use of a long cane or other mobility systems, instruction in the use of optical and/or electronic devices, and travel in a variety of settings including the use of public transportation when appropriate.

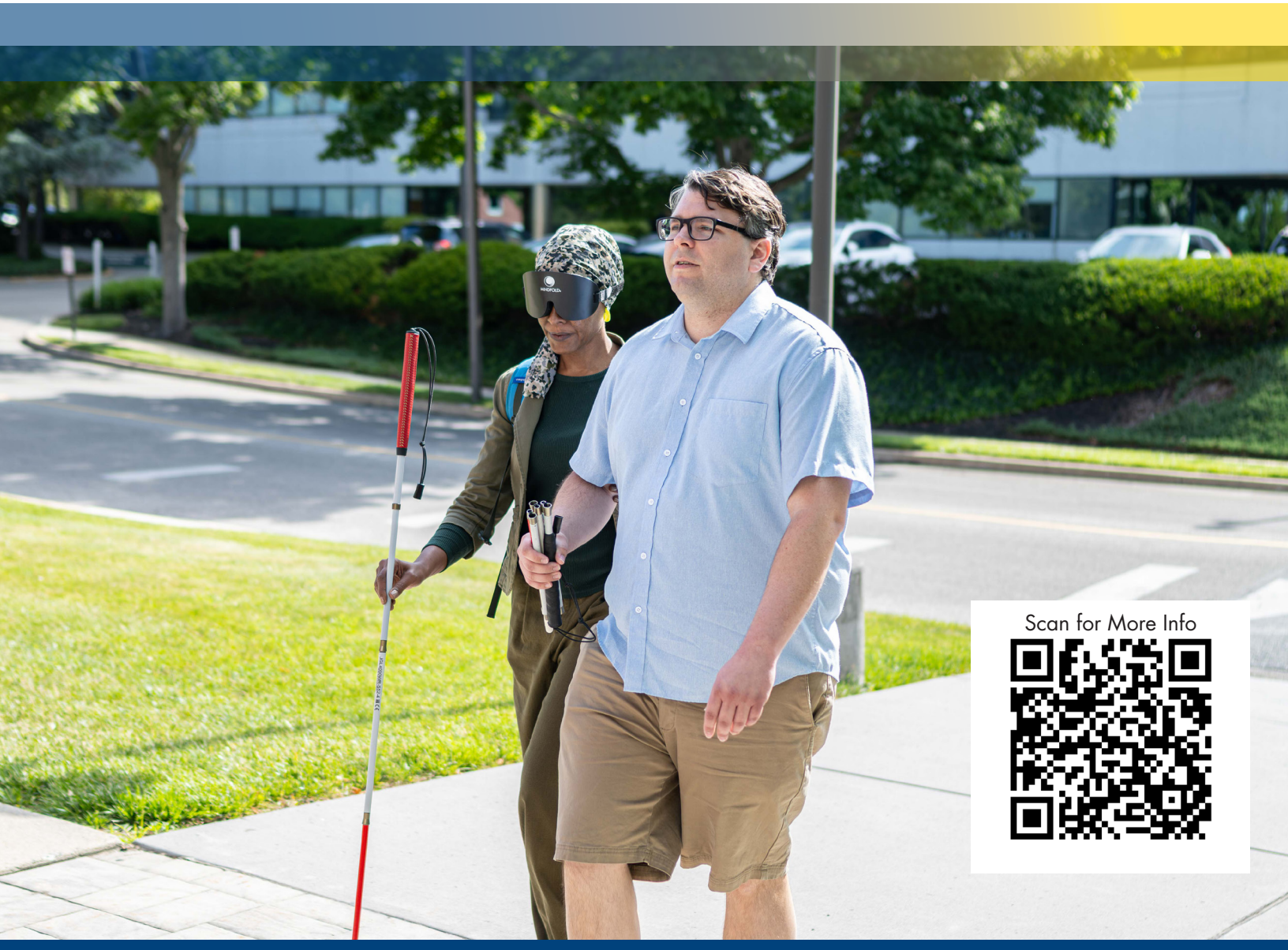
Work Environments

- Rehabilitation agencies.
- Veterans Administration Medical Centers.
- Schools including public, private, and schools for the blind/visually impaired.
- State organizations for the visually impaired.

Career Advantages

- Every day is dynamic, different, and challenging.
- Grants and/or stipends for tuition are often available.

Certification Requirements are available at **ACVREP.org.** Gainful employment data for graduates of certificate programs can be found at **Drexel.edu/ElkinsPark/Gainful-Employment.**



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For more information, the Office of Graduate Admissions welcomes inquiries by prospective students. Call ***1.800.2.DREXEL*** *or visit* ***Drexel.edu/ElkinsPark/Admissions.***