

POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA

FOR LOW VISION AND BLINDNESS STUDIES



ACADEMIC COLLABORATION BETWEEN
ESLSCA UNIVERSITY, EGYPT
AND
BASEERA FOUNDATION FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE

ABOUT THE DIPLOMA



- **The first continuing** education program in Egypt with international standards, graduating professional specialists qualified to deal with visually impaired people on the educational and social levels and help them integrate in society
- **The program combines:**
 1. the expertise of ESLSCA university in successful continuing education models
 2. Baseera Foundation's experience in the rehabilitation of visually impaired people through its center of excellence (the first of its kind in Egypt)
 3. Western Michigan University's expertise in Blindness & Low vision studies (One of the best in the world)
- **Offers 2 main specializations** this fall 2022: Low Vision Therapist (LVT), Orientation and Mobility (O&M), **under the condition of a minimum number of 10 students and a maximum of 20 per major**

WHY THIS DIPLOMA ?



1. To fill the high market demand for visual impairment specialists coming from:

- Over 6 million visually impaired people in Egypt, of which only 20% are totally blind and 80% have residual vision.

- Government's direction towards the inclusion of disabled people (including visually impaired) in society. Visual impairment also intersects with 30% of all kinds of disabilities

- Lack of professionals understanding the nature, potential of visually impaired people and serving them. Unlike in most of developed countries, there is no updated formal education or training to build the capacities and knowledge of specialized professionals in this field.

2. The program is the first of its kind in Egypt, and developed by faculty from Western Michigan University in the US, which has one of the best low vision & blindness departments in the world

3. The program graduates are eligible to apply for the US international accreditation test of the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation & Education Professionals (ACVREP), to be internationally certified low vision specialists, highly demanded outside of Egypt (especially in the Gulf)

4. The first program intake is mostly subsidized by Baseera Foundation and Drosos Foundation, leading to net tuition fees of only EGP20,000 after the discount (equivalent to almost USD1100 only, versus USD20,000 for the same program in the US for US residents)



CAREER PATH

If you are looking for a career that gives you a competitive edge, and at the same time makes a difference in people's lives, you should consider a career in the blindness and low vision fields...

...WHY?

1

You can establish your own rehabilitation center for visually impaired, and get technical and consultancy support from Baseera which runs the first and unique rehabilitation center in Egypt

2

Being one of the first few Egyptian certified specialists in one or more low vision & blindness majors gives you a competitive edge over your work colleagues whether you are working in education, NGOs, government, eye clinics, disabilities offices, children psychological and behavioral care, elderly home care, or you are just an amateur who wants to start a career in visual impairment

3

The current government's direction towards disabilities inclusion is also reflected in general market appreciation for such professions. It is worth mentioning that salaries of teachers of visually impaired students are at least 25% higher than salaries of regular teachers

4

You can easily find job opportunities outside Egypt, especially in the Gulf region



ABOUT THE MAJORS

Low Vision Therapist (LVT)

Low vision therapy is like physical therapy for someone who has lost a limb. Its purpose is to develop strategies to maximize or substitute for diminished sight in order to maintain independence and a sense of self-worth. This rebuilding and reinforcement of the visual foundation is accomplished through identification of goals, introduction to assistive devices, and training.

Low vision therapists are not necessarily doctors. They are trained to examine and assess patients with visual impairments, and tailor a rehabilitation plan for each case. Their services do not offer a cure for the causes of low vision, but they do help the patient learn how to utilize their remaining vision to its fullest potential.

Orientation and Mobility (O&M)

Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Specialist provides instruction that can help you develop or re-learn the skills and concepts you need to travel safely and independently within your home and in the community. O&M Specialists provide services across the life span, teaching infants and children in pre-school and school programs, as well as adults in a variety of community-based and rehabilitation settings.

For blind babies and toddlers, O&M entails encouraging movement and developing foundational concepts and skills which we'll call "the building blocks" of O&M. Orientation and mobility skills should begin to be developed in infancy starting with basic body awareness and movement, and continuing on into adulthood as the individual learns skills that allow him to navigate his world efficiently, effectively, and safely.

DURATION

Low Vision Therapist (LVT)

2 ACADEMIC SEMESTERS
+
1 PRACTICAL SEMESTER

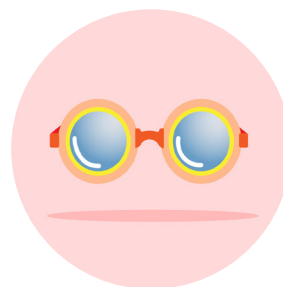
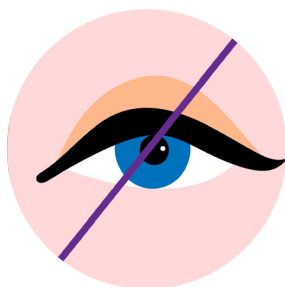
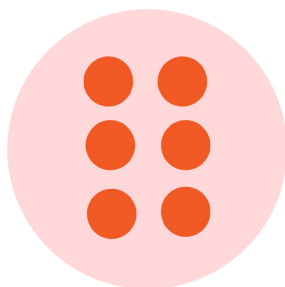
Orientation and Mobility (O&M)

3 ACADEMIC SEMESTERS
+
1 PRACTICAL SEMESTER

DIPLOMA COURSES

Core Courses (Common in both Specialization tracks)

- Physiology & Function of the Eye
- Services for Persons with Disabilities &
- Medical and Functional Aspects of Disability
 - - Psychosocial Aspects of Disability
 - Gerontology
 - Principles of low vision



Low Vision Therapist (LVT)

- Low Vision 2 and Lab
- LV Practicum and Internship

Orientation and Mobility (O&M)

- Methods of O&M Intro
- Mobility-Blind
- Principles of Orientation and Mobility
- O&M with Children
- Braille for O&Mers
- Itinerant & Effective School Collaboration
- Electronic Devices
- Issues in Independent Travel
- Adaptive Sports
- O&M Practicum and Internship

CURRICULUM AND CERTIFICATION

- The curriculum was designed and developed by faculty from Western University of Michigan – US and will be delivered and certified by ESLSCA university in Egypt.
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DIPLOMA ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE



2 days per week divided as follows:

- 1 day – mid week (Evening class)
- 1 day – week end (Long Morning)



FEES

FEE TYPE	AMOUNT (EGP)	TUITION FEES (EGP CURRENCY)		
		INSTALLMENT PLAN		
		1	2	3
		1st Sep	1st Oct	1st Nov
Application Fees (Non-Refundable)	1,000	x	x	x
Program Tuition Fees	19,000	6,500	6,500	6,000

HOW TO APPLY?

1- WHO CAN APPLY?

To apply you need to fulfill the below criteria:

- Graduation from university (From any background)
- Good English Command (Enables you to pass the acceptance English test)
- Commitment



2- ADMISSION STEPS

- Contact the admission office (info stated at the end)
- Fill the application form and submit a copy of the required documents
- Pay the application fees (non - refundable)
- Achieve the minimum required English score
- Pass the personal interview
- Receive acceptance confirmation
- Pay the first installment of tuition fees required

3- REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ID or passport copy
- 2 Personal photos
- Copy of birth certificate
- Updated resume
- Copy of graduation diploma certificate



**FOR APPLICATIONS AND INQUIRIES
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