

POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA

FOR LOW VISION & BLINDNESS SPECIALIST



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ABOUT THE DIPLOMA



- **The first post-graduate 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. ESLSCA University's expertise 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 3 main specializations** this Fall 2023: Low Vision (LV), Orientation and Mobility (O&M), Teaching Children with Visual Impairment (TVI) **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 was developed by Faculty from Western Michigan University (WMU) in the US, which has one of the best low vision & blindness departments in the world to be the first of its kind in Egypt.

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 as low vision or orientation and mobility specialists, which has a high demand not only in Egypt, but also outside (especially in the Gulf).

4. This intake is mostly funded by National Bank of Egypt (NBE) covering 80% of the total diploma expenses, to make the diploma fees amount to only **20,000 EGP**.



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. And 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 (LV)

After Doctors diagnose patients with visual impairment, the role of the Low Vision Therapists begins by developing strategies to maximize the use of the residual vision in order to maintain independence and a sense of self-worth.

Their work also includes visual function assessment, and tailoring 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) Specialists provide instruction that can help develop or re-learn the skills and concepts needed by visually impaired to travel safely and independently within their home and in the community. They 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 encourages developing foundational concepts and skills such as movement and basic body awareness which begin in infancy and continue on into adulthood as the individuals learn skills that allow them to navigate their world efficiently, effectively, and safely.

Teaching Children with Visual Impairment (TVI)

Teachers of children with visual impairments teach their children the skills they need to lead successful lives.

They are responsible for adapting the academic curriculum by working in multiple ways with the regular classroom teacher to assure that the student with visual impairment can access the regular curriculum. Duties include transcribing materials into Braille or large print, modifying materials so they can be read tactually and modifying test materials to accommodate for information not available through the visual channel.

In addition to modifying the typical curriculum, specialists are responsible for teaching children with visual impairments braille, daily living skills, social skills, adapted computer technology, and recreation and leisure activities.

DIPLoma DURATION

LOW VISION (LV)

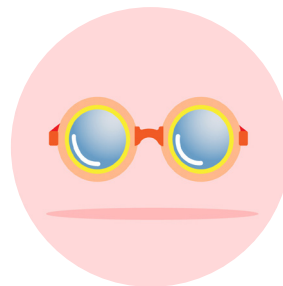
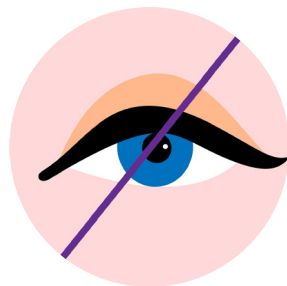
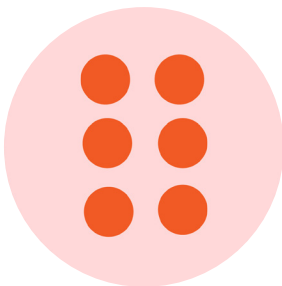
4 Academic Semesters
+
1 Practical Semester

ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY (O&M)

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TEACHING CHILDREN WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT (TVI)

4 Academic Semesters
+
1 Practical Semester



CURRICULUM AND CERTIFICATION

- The curriculum was designed and developed by Faculty from Western Michigan University – US and will be delivered and certified by ESLSCA University in Egypt.
- The diploma graduates (LV and O&M) 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.

DIPLOMA ATTENDECE SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE

- 1 Day - Weekend: (Long Day Classes)

LOCATION

- ESLSCA Pyramids Heights Campus (Attendance is a must)



DIPLOMA FEES



| Fee type | Amount (EGP) | Tuition fees (EGP currency) | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | Installment plan | | |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | 1 st Sep | 1 st Oct | 1 st 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:

- For the Low Vision (LV) or Orientation and Mobility (O&M) majors, University degree from any background.
- For Teaching Children with Visual Impairment (TVI) major, University degree from a Faculty of Education, or from any University with a minimum work experience of 3 years as a teacher.
- Good English Command (Enables you to pass the acceptance English test)
- Commitment.



2- ADMISSION STEPS AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

- 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 university degree



FOR APPLICATIONS AND INQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT US ON



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