## EARN A TEACHING ENDORSEMENT ONLINE

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), in partnership with several institutions of higher education, offers the opportunity for Michigan Certified teachers to earn an endorsement in Visual Impairment. Classes are primarily offered through:

- Online courses
- Webinars
- Video conferencing

Accommodations will be made for the limited courses that require face to face time taken from an out of state university.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates must have a valid or pending Michigan Teaching Certificate.

General education teachers without a special education endorsement must complete a set of approved foundation courses in addition to the required courses.

Partial tuition reimbursement is available to eligible certified teachers in Michigan.

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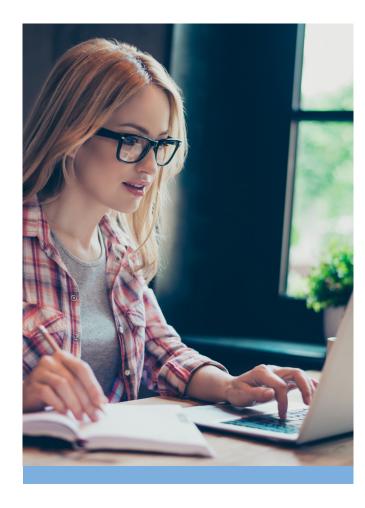
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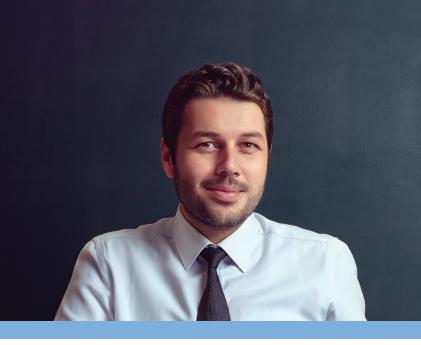
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## **HOW TO GET STARTED**

- 1. Visit bit.ly/VIConsortium to get more information
- 2. Contact Elizabeth Flores, M.S. at: Email: florese2@michigan.gov Phone: 517-614-9082
- 3. Complete a program application
- 4. Complete a plan of study upon acceptance of your application
- 5. Register for courses (at the university of your choice) once the plan of study is approved

## **REQUIRED PROGRAM COURSES**

Course titles, credit hours, and tuition rates will vary among participating universities.

- Introduction to Visual Impairment
- Braille Codes and Communication (I)
- Anatomy and Physiology of the Eye
- Assistive Technology for Students with Visual Impairment
- Instructional Strategies and Assessment for Students with Visual Impairment
- Braille Codes and Communication (II)
- Methods of Teaching Students with Visual Impairment
- Principles of Orientation and Mobility
- Implications of Low Vision
- Practicum

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