**CVI Certificate**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

1. **Who will be teaching the courses?**

Vision and the Brain/Neurology - Corinna Bauer

Intro to CVI - Ellen Mazel

Assessment - compilation of people

Promising Practices - compilation of people

Collaboration - compilation of people

1. **Can I take just one course?**

Yes, you can just take course. However, the CVI courses do build upon each other and have pre requisites and all 5 are required for when the certificate is approved.

1. **Do I have to take the Overview course if I have already taken the CVI course from UMass?**

No, you may skip the overview course if you have already taken Ellen Mazel’s CVI course from UMass. No other course/workshop will be allowed to replace that course.

1. **Are these classes available to non-UMass students?**

Yes, these classes are available to people who have not attended UMass previously. You will, however, need to apply to the university as a non-matriculated student.

1. **Are prerequisite courses required before beginning this certificate?**

No, but we ask you are a licensed TVI, COMS, CVRT, or CATIS.

1. **Will the certificate be eligible for grant funding?**

At this time, the CVI certificate is not eligible for any grant funding. We suggest that you ask your employer to pay for a portion of the cost, if they are able. We will be looking into funding options for the future, but cannot guarantee that we will have.

1. **Will this certificate become a DESE requirement for TVIs?**

No, this CVI certificate will not be required for TVI licensure through DESE.

1. **Which semesters will the other courses be taught?**

The courses follow sequence; thus all must be taken in order to get the certificate. The course plan is as follows:

* + Fall – Vision and the Brain/Neurology & Overview of Cortical/Cerebral Visual Impairment
	+ Spring – Assessment
	+ Summer – Promising Practices/ Methods
	+ Fall – Consultation and Collaboration