



Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Carolyn Stanford Taylor, State Superintendent

	PRIVATE Vision Therapy/ Vision Therapist	PUBLIC SCHOOLS Teacher of the Visually Impaired
DEFINITION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program of training procedures prescribed, monitored and provided by an eye care professional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility criteria determined by state and federal law
FUNDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private • May be covered by major medical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public school system • 100% covered by school system
DISABILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye exam required (Functional optometric assessment) • Seldom acuity factor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye exam required (Ophthalmologist or Optometrist) • Deficit in acuity functioning of 20/70 or less
DELIVERY MODEL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private clinic As determined by prescription (short term 7-14) months • Direct 1-on1 or 1-on-2 • Consultation to classroom and parent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School and community: As determined by IEP (service evaluated yearly) • Direct instruction • Indirect instruction (<i>teach others to provide instruction that requires repetition throughout the day in order to obtain generalization of the skill</i>) • Consultation to classroom and parent
TYPE OF SERVICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment • Development of vision skills including motor skills, vision perception, eye-hand-foot-brain coordination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment • Skill development related to vision loss • Compensatory strategies: Accommodations and modifications
CREDENTIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internship with a functional optometrist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BS or MS degree with certification in education of the visually impaired
INCLUSIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correctable vision • 20/70 or better acuity with correction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20/70 or worse acuity with correction • Causing education interference • Will result in education benefit

