

POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA

IN VISUAL IMPAIRMENT STUDIES



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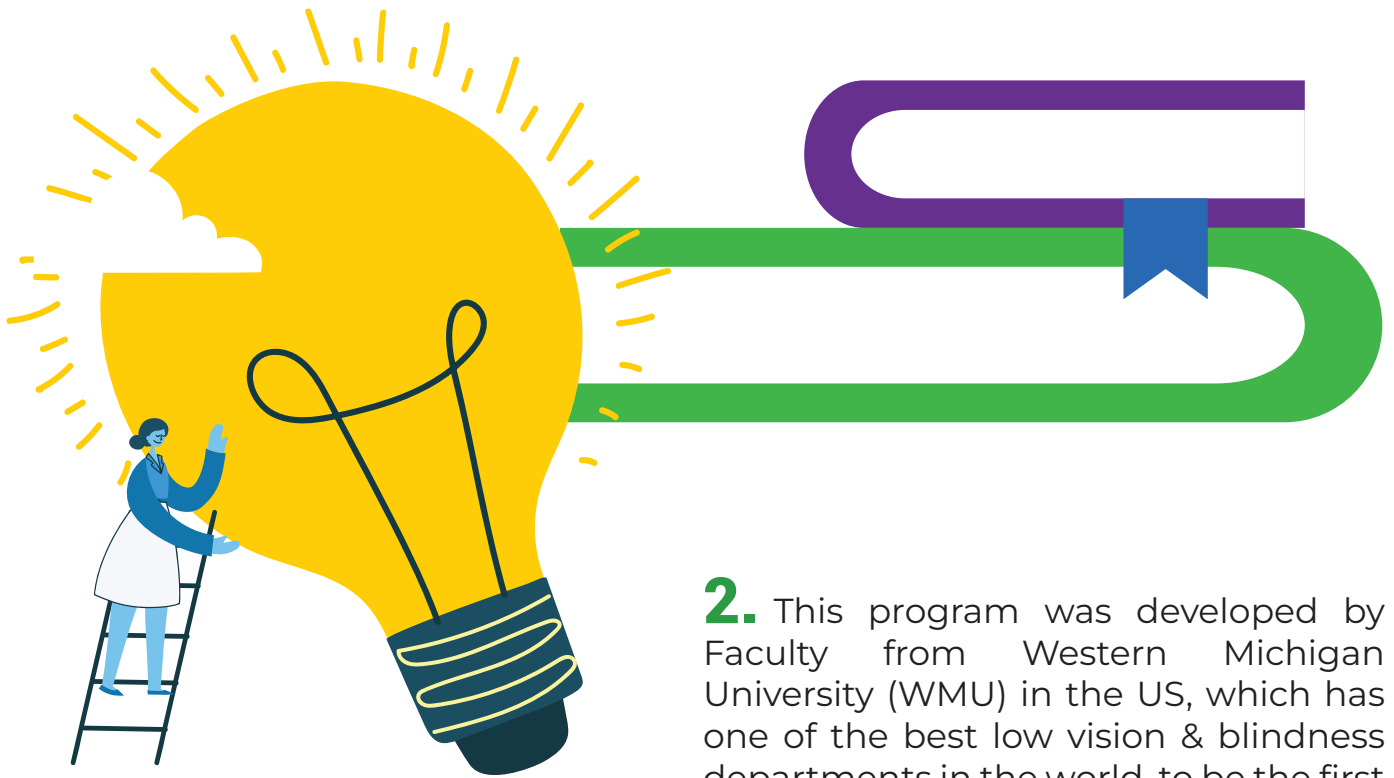


ABOUT THE DIPLOMA



- **The first post-graduate program** in Egypt with international standards, graduating highly qualified specialists to deal with visually impaired people in different aspects of life, from education to integrating them 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 that is dedicated to utilize the best practices in the field.
- **Offers two main specializations:** Orientation and Mobility (O&M) and Low Vision (LV) ***(under the condition of a minimum number of 10 students and a maximum of 15 students 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). 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. This 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 O&M and LV 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 O&M specialists and LV therapists, which has a high demand not only in Egypt, but also outside (especially in the Gulf).



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 Foundation which runs the first and unique rehabilitation center in Egypt.

2

Being one of the first few Egyptian certified specialists in one of the 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

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 the visually impaired to travel safely and independently within their home and in the community. They provide services across the lifespan, 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.

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.

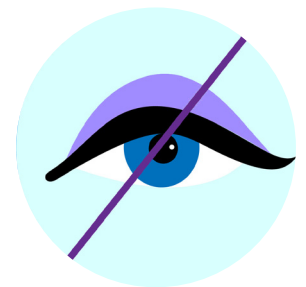
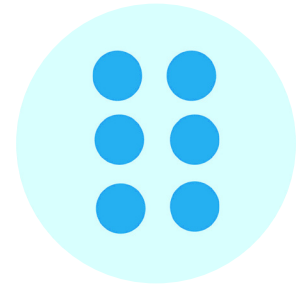
DIPLOMA DURATION

LOW VISION (LV)

- 3 academic semesters (11 Courses)
- 350 hours internship program in the field of specialization

Major courses: Total of 27 credit hours

1. Physiology & Function of the Eye
2. Medical and Functional Aspects of Disability Services for Persons with Disabilities
3. Development Through the Lifespan
4. Psychosocial Aspects of Disability
5. Principles of Low Vision
6. Principles of Low Vision Rehabilitation
7. Rehabilitation for low vision (elderly)
8. Understanding CVI
9. Itinerancy & Effective School Collaboration
10. Visual Functionality and Low Vision Aids
11. Rehabilitation for Children



ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY (O&M)

- 3 academic semesters (13 Courses)
- 350 hours internship program in the field of specialization

Major courses: Total of 30 credit hours

1. Physiology & Function of the Eye
2. Medical and Functional Aspects of Disability Services for Persons with Disabilities
3. Development Through the Lifespan
4. Psychosocial Aspects of Disability
5. Principles of Low Vision
6. Methods of Orientation and Orientation
7. Principles of Orientation and Mobility
8. Braille for O&Mers
9. Itinerancy & Effective School Collaboration
10. Rehabilitation for Children
11. Electronic Devices
12. Issues in Independent Travel
13. Adapted Sports and Art



DIPLOMA 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, Egypt.
- The diploma graduates (O&M and LV) 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 specialists.

DIPLOMA ATTENDECE SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE:

- **The diploma academic courses** will be provided in “**blended learning**”
- **Academic courses:** 2-day classes on campus/online/ (Saturdays full-day, Tuesdays evening classes), based on the diploma schedule and course requirements. Also, classes can take place in different fields outside the university.
- **Internship program:** More full days during the week on the internship field to achieve the maximum possible hours to complete the required 350 hours in the duration of 10-12 weeks

LOCATION:

- **Alexandria Desert Rd, Pyramids Heights, Building B06, Km 22 of, Cairo - First 6th of October**



DIPLOMA FEES

- **The application fees cost is 1,500 EGP (non-refundable).**
- **The actual cost** of the diploma is **2000 \$**.
- **This intake is funded by the Baseera Foundation for People with Visual Impairment** and our diploma sponsor, **Ataa Charitable Investment Fund for Persons with Disabilities**, reducing the contribution required from Egyptian students to **42,000 EGP**. Ataa Fund is offering a **scholarship** for accepted applicants who meet the diploma criteria, leading the diploma tuition fees to be **25,000 EGP**.
- **For non-Egyptian students**, the full cost of 2000 \$ must be paid.

HOW TO APPLY?

1- WHO CAN APPLY?

The applicant must fulfill the criteria below for the diploma specializations:

- For Orientation and Mobility (O&M) and Low Vision (LV) majors, University degree (Bachelor and License) from any background.
- To apply for the ACVREP (O&M and LV) exam, please refer to the ACVREP requirements on the website, taking into consideration that the exam is offered in English, and requires excellent command of English.
- Commitment



2- ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION

- Visit ESLSCA University website
- Fill in the application form
- Pay the application fees (non-refundable)
- Upload the required documents
- Pass the interview
- Receive acceptance
- Pay the tuition fees
- Registration of diploma courses

3- REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Copy of university degree (License / Bachelor)
- Recent Resume (CV)
- Copy of national ID and passport
- Copy of birth certificate (Electronic)
- Recent Personal Photo

FOR APPLICATIONS AND INQUIRIES
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