

Low Vision Therapist (LVT):

Using What You've Got: Increasing the Use of Residual Vision



What might I do as an LVT?

- Assist a student with low vision to better see the computer screen or smart board
- Show a senior citizen how to use an adjustable task lamp and magnifier to read their retirement account statement
- Evaluate an office workspace for a college graduate and recommend accessible modifications
- Assist people of all ages to better use their functional vision by adapting lighting conditions and changing color contrast
- Introduce a veteran with a newly acquired visual loss to accessibility features on smart phones, e-readers, and tablets
- Teach a 30-year-old with a vision loss caused by a traumatic brain injury to use a telescope to locate and read a bulletin board
- Train individuals in the use of non-optical aids such as a reading stand
- Educate a recently retired 68-year-old with macular degeneration on his eye condition and its functional implication
- Show a teenager how to use a handheld telescope to read street signs and see the concert stage



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Why would I like this job?

- Work one-on-one with people of all ages
- Make a real difference so that people can maximize use of their remaining vision and maintain their independence
- Collaborate & network with other vision rehabilitation professionals on a regular basis

**Every day is different,
interesting, and
challenging**

Not a desk job

How do I become an LVT?

- Earn a bachelor's degree
- Recommended: pursue a degree or certification in a related area such as teacher of the visually impaired, orientation & mobility specialist, or vision rehabilitation therapist
- Complete coursework in Low Vision Therapy
- Pass the ACVREP Low Vision Therapy Certification Examination



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Where would I work as a LVT?

- Low vision clinics
- Rehabilitation centers
- Offices of eye care practitioners
- Educational institutions
- Homes of individuals who are visually impaired
- Hospitals

Potential employers include but are not limited to:

- Government agencies
- U.S. Veterans Administration
- Private contractors
- Medical offices
- Hospitals
- Rehabilitation centers

Positions available worldwide

For more information:



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