Vision Rehabilitation Therapists (VRT):
Restoring Independence for Individuals with Vision Loss

What might I do as a VRT?

• Show a senior citizen with low vision how to email a grandchild
• Teach a college student to read a Braille menu
• Train an elderly man to identify, organize and label his medications
• Help a young woman select a coordinated outfit for a job interview
• Teach a bachelor to tactually distinguish between two cleaning products
• Explain to a teenager how to use customer service at the grocery store
• Describe to a totally blind adult how to safely remove a casserole from the oven
• Demonstrate to a third grader how to use a magnifier to read directions for a game

Why would I like this job?

• Make a major difference in the lives of individuals who have lost their vision
• Use creative solutions to solve individuals’ vision loss issues
• Experience something different every day
• Meet people from all walks of life
• Collaborate with other professionals
• Enjoy professional development opportunities

How do I become a VRT?

• Must have a Bachelor’s degree (in any field)
• Master’s degree or Graduate Certificate in Vision Rehabilitation Therapy is usually required
• Program of study includes 3 to 4 semesters of graduate classes plus practicum & internship hours
• Many universities offer distance education classes as well as on-campus programs of study

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Not a desk job

Job & skill portability

Grants and/or stipends for tuition often available

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Where would I work as a VRT?

- Homes of individuals who are blind or visually impaired
- Rehabilitation centers
- Hospitals
- Assisted living and nursing home facilities
- Schools

Potential employers include but are not limited to:

- State agencies
- Veterans Administration
- Private non-profit agencies
- Private contracting
- School systems

100% job placement

Positions available worldwide

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