

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



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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

Not a desk job

Job & skill portability

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

**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

100% job placement

Potential employers include but are not limited to:

- State agencies
- Universities
- Veterans Administration
- Rehabilitation centers
- Private non-profit agencies
- Private contracting
- School systems

Positions available worldwide

For more information:



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