

**Special Education – Orientation and Mobility Specialist  
Endorsement Guidelines  
To Accompany Rule 24  
(Adopted by the State Board  
of Education on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_)**

007.03 Special Education – Orientation and Mobility Specialist (O & M)

007.03A Grade Levels: Birth through age 21

007.03B Endorsement Type: Special Services

007.03C Persons with this endorsement may provide orientation and mobility services to students with visual impairments from birth through age 21. “Visual impairment” includes blindness, low vision (legal blindness and partial sight) and vision loss associated with other disabilities.

007.03D Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement program requires a minimum of 36 graduate semester hours in special education coursework including:

- a. Nine (9) graduate semester hours in general special education; and
- b. Twelve (12) graduate semester hours in the education of students with visual impairment, and
- c. Twelve (12) graduate semester hours in orientation and mobility, and
- d. Three (3) graduate semester hours of orientation and mobility internship.

007.03E Endorsement Program Requirements: Nebraska teacher education institutions offering this certificate program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

***THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES RECOMMENDED FOR  
USE WITH THIS ENDORSEMENT.***

It is recommended institutions offering this endorsement program adhere to the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) Body of Knowledge and Competencies, June 1, 2018 update.