

**Graduate Certificate:** Habilitation and Disabilities of Sight (Children and Young People) –The Habilitation Assistant (Mobility, orientation and self care)

## **General Information**

### **Course Attendance**

1 day per week over one year full time (Thursday each week over the year)  
23 days each year attendance at the University. There are also a series of ten optional visits to a variety of relevant contexts.

### **Placements**

In addition to attendance at the University there are a series of placements. These include a peripatetic attachment, case study and final placement. There are a minimum of 10 days placements in the first year (5 days instead of attendance at the University). Placements are negotiated with participants to ensure breadth and relevance. Students new to a school or Service may wish to base their placement in their current workplace, but there is a Course expectation that students will gather experience from a variety of settings.

### **Course Structure**

There are two modules; 1. Policy and practice in habilitation studies, 2. Habilitation in educational contexts and the extended curriculum. Braille is an integral component of the Course and is taught during sessions at the Institute.

### **Status of Course**

The Course is matched against the new National Standards for Habilitation Work with Children and Young People (England) and the National Occupational Standards for Sensory Services (CWDC).

**The course is suitable for those who want to work to support children with visual needs in an educational setting (such as teaching assistants), in Services, Special or Mainstream Schools**

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