

## 655-803 Rehabilitation - Partially Sighted A

<b>Credit Points:</b>	25.000
<b>Level:</b>	Graduate/Postgraduate
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus. Semester 2, - Taught on campus. Distance Learning.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: This subject is available by distance learning in both semester 1 and 2. A half day seminar is provided to assist candidates but attendance is optional. Total Time Commitment: Not available
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	None
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study and reasonable steps will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact upon their active and safe participation in a subject are encouraged to discuss this with the relevant subject coordinator and the Disability Liaison Unit.
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Ms Anthea Cochrane
<b>Subject Overview:</b>	<p>Topics covered within this subject include the epidemiology and geographic distribution of blindness; the roles and methods within the rehabilitative team for the support and rehabilitation of the visually disabled; the procedures for comprehensive assessment of rehabilitation of the visually disabled; the procedures for comprehensive assessment of visual disability and the management of patients with partial sight; and the principles and performance of optical and non-optical aids for the enhancement of low vision. One half-day seminar is provided to assist candidates (Attendance is optional).</p> <p>On completion of the subject students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># understand the ocular disorders causing vision impairment, their prognosis and effects on task performance;</li> <li># understand the epidemiology of vision impairment and how vision impairment impacts on daily life;</li> <li># understand the procedures for the comprehensive assessment of low vision;</li> <li># prescribe optical magnification devices that will enhance low vision;</li> <li># provide instruction on the use of non-optical devices that will be of practical benefit to the vision impaired patient;</li> <li># understand the strategies used by the various professionals in the multidisciplinary low vision rehabilitation team.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	A 4000 word essay on a prescribed topic (30%). One three hour written paper at the end of the semester (60%) and a 30 minute practical examination (10%).
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Students will be provided with a comprehensive study guide which will include key journal articles and a list of prescribed reading.
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<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.

<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	Students will learn several generic skills in this subject, including the ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li># seek and retrieve information using a number of resources including the world-wide-web;</li><li># evaluate and synthesise research literature and professional literature;</li><li># appreciate the design, conduct, analysis and reporting of research;</li><li># develop a high level of analytic and problem solving skill;</li><li># develop a high level of planning and time management skill;</li><li># articulate knowledge and understanding in a written presentation;</li><li># have an advanced understanding of the changing knowledge base in a specialised area.</li></ul>
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Clinical Optometry