

# VIISA Training

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## VIISA Calendar Draft - 1.30.21

- 1 - July 14, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Bess Dennison) due Jul 14, 2021  
 Introductions (30 min), BEST Program (30-45 min), Training Overview (30 min), Vision Impairment and Effects on Learning and Development (90 min with breakout groups) (materials to make a low vision simulator sent ahead)
- ASSIGNMENT 1 due Jul 21, 2021  
 Reading and responding to parent stories/videos Family Connect Website BVI or parent interview, book.
- 2 - July 28, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Kathy Mullen) due Jul 28, 2021  
 Young VI Children with Additional Disabilities, Siblings, Early Intervention with Families including Virtual Visits, breakout groups included (creative hoseplay toy materials sent ahead to use in class)
- 3 - Aug 4, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Bess Dennison) due Aug 4, 2021  
 Developmental Assessment (Oregon and INSITE included), Setting Goals, Intervention Plans (using actual cases, breakout groups, etc.)
- ASSIGNMENT 2 due Aug 11, 2021  
 Over the next month or so, for those with a caseload, doing an Oregon or INSITE on a child on their caseload, writing summary, goals, intervention plan.
- 4 - Aug 18, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Annie Hughes) due Aug 18, 2021  
 Use of Touch, Sensory Processing Issues and Interventions (vestibular, proprio-ceptive, smell, taste, hearing, visual) (materials sent ahead to make texture boards)
- 5 - Sept 1, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Annie Hughes) due Sep 1, 2021  
 Clinical Eye Exam, Ocular Disorders and Implications (0-5), Intro to CVI (silly eye glasses sent ahead)
- 6 - Sept 8, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Bess Dennison) due Sep 8, 2021  
 Functional Vision Assessment, resulting goals, interventions in daily routines, modifications in the home to improve use of vision (a few simple visual items sent ahead)
- ASSIGNMENT 3 due Sep 15, 2021  
 Over the next month or so, for those with a caseload, doing an FVA and/or CVI assessment on a child on their caseload; pulling together FVA kit with CVI items
- 7 - Sept 22, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Bess Dennison) due Sep 22, 2021  
 CVI Assessment and Interventions, birth to three (materials to make early CVI books on black sent ahead)
- 8 - Oct 6, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Alison Clougherty) due Oct 6, 2021  
 Early Bonding, Social and Communication (presymbolic signals and cues) (Eensy Spider song hand puppet sent ahead to make)
- 9 - Oct 20, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Bess Dennison) due Oct 20, 2021  
 Communication Matrix, Augmentative Communication (tangible symbols, switches)
- 10 - Oct 27, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Kathy Mullen) due Oct 27, 2021  
 Formal Communication (speech, signs)
- 11 - Nov 10, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Bess Dennison) due Nov 10, 2021  
 Active Learning Strategies and Materials for Children with Multiple Disabilities (materials sent ahead to make playbib; scrunchie for attaching objects in hands; BEST providers need pegboard and PVC and items to make playframes as example for little ones)
- 12 - Nov 17, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Annie Hughes) due Nov 17, 2021

## Cognition and Play at Sensorimotor Level, Concept Development

- ASSIGNMENT 4 due Dec 1, 2021  
Over the next month or so, for those with a caseload, create a playspace and some active learning materials to use with a more involved child, try them out, discuss what worked well and what needs modified, etc.
- 13 - Dec 8, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Suzanne Dinwiddie) due Dec 8, 2021  
Hearing (hearing loss, testing, amplification)
- 14 - Dec 15, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Alison Clougherty) due Dec 15, 2021  
Auditory and Listening Skills (quacker or canary stick sent ahead along with toothbrush holder to make into an auditory toy)
- 15 - Jan 5, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: VIPS O&M Instructor) due Jan 5, 2022  
Impact of Sensory Impairment on Gross Motor Development, Early Orientation and Mobility
- 16 - Jan 12, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Sandra Zaccari) due Jan 12, 2022  
Motor Impairments Including Cerebral Palsy, Positioning and Handling, Adaptive Equipment (tube socks sent ahead to make into rice socks for positioning)
- ASSIGNMENT 5 due Jan 19, 2022  
Choice of assignments (e.g., co-visit with O&M instructor and a toddler, application of positioning and handling strategies with an MH child, or work on a daily care issue-sleep problem, feeding problem, etc.)
- 17 - Jan 26, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Alison Clougherty) due Jan 26, 2022  
Daily Care (eating, dressing, toileting, hygiene, etc.)
- 18 - Feb 9, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Annie Hughes) due Feb 9, 2022  
Early Literacy Experiences in the Home, Early Learning Media Assessment (materials sent ahead to make concept book with white barebook)
- 19 - Feb 16, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Alison Clougherty) due Feb 16, 2022  
Introduction to Braille and Getting Little Ones Ready for Learning Braille (slate, stylus, paper, brailion, braille worksheets sent ahead for activity in class)
- ASSIGNMENT 6 due Feb 23, 2022  
Writing a literacy plan with materials (some home-made) for use in daily routines at home with a little one.
- 20 - Mar 2, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructor: Kathy Mullen) due Mar 2, 2022  
Transition to Preschool, Needs of Preschoolers with BVI
- 21 - Mar 9, 1:00-4:30 pm CST (Instructors: Bess Dennison and Alison Clougherty) due Mar 9, 2022  
Pulling it All Together: Application with Infant/Toddler Video Case Studies, final training evaluation, next steps