The nine-month Assistive Technology Instructor (ATI) program is designed to prepare a person to work as an instructor of assistive technology at a rehabilitation facility, as a sales representative for an assistive technology vendor, or as an independent consultant for AT analysis, instruction or problem solving.

The curriculum includes instruction in all types of adaptive equipment, installation of hardware and software, instruction to find solutions to computer equipment problems, production of training manuals in accessible formats and professional teaching skills.

In addition to JAWS certification, the ATI program also offers training in the Microsoft Office Suite with certifications in Word, Excel, Outlook and PowerPoint. Participants will also learn how to use Apple iDevices, as well as the accessibility features of the Mac OS X operating system.

The assistive technology available in the classroom includes screen magnification, speech output systems, refreshable Braille displays, portable note-taking devices, Braille printers, scanners, closed-circuit televisions for print magnification and accessible Internet.

**PRE-REQUISITES**

- High school diploma or GED
- Four-year degree is recommended
- Successful completion of the ATI proficiency test
- Print reading speed of 100 wpm, with 75% comprehension
- Braille reading speed of 30 wpm (if primary Braille user), or 10 wpm (if non-Braille user)
- Keyboarding speed of 30 wpm
- 12th-grade spelling and grammar level
- Wonderlic score of 20
- Good independent living and travel skills
- Strong logical reasoning ability and emotional maturity
- Ability to learn and retain information
- Good interpersonal relationship qualities
- Ability to work in a high-tech environment
- Ability to adapt to constant change

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