VR-SFP Chapter 10: Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind

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# 10.2 Staff Qualifications

All IL skills trainers must have accomplished the following:

* Earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a concentration in rehabilitation, education, psychology, sociology, or a related field and obtained:
  + one year of work experience in rehabilitation teaching, rehabilitation, or education of people with disabilities, or
  + two years' work experience in general education or other related field; and
* Presented written and/or hands-on training sessions on IL skills. Sessions must be observed and determined qualified by the ILS-OIB program specialist's designee. Preference is given to candidates who have experience providing individual, hands-on training to individuals who are blind and/or visually impaired.

**Note:** Twelve semester hours of graduate study from an accredited college or university may be substituted for each year of the required qualifying experience. One additional year of full-time qualifying work experience may be substituted for the course concentration requirements for the bachelor’s degree.

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