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- Blair
- Cambria
- Centre
- Clinton
- Columbia
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- Huntington
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- Snyder
- Juniata
- Somerset
- Union

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- Clarion
- Clearfield
- Crawford
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- Armstrong
- Beaver
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- Cameron
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- Luzerne
- Monroe
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### Summer Academy for Students who are Blind or Visually Impaired

Enhancing Independence Skills for Students Transitioning to Post-Secondary Education
What is the Summer Academy?

The Summer Academy is a three-week program for Pennsylvania students who are blind or visually impaired and preparing for post-secondary education leading to competitive employment. The program is offered by the Department of Labor & Industry’s Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services, in partnership with the Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education’s Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) and The Pennsylvania State University (PSU). It is held at PSU’s main campus during the summer and is sponsored by two colleges within the university, The College of Education and The College of Health and Human Development. The program is available at no cost to eligible students enrolled in 9th through 12th grades in Pennsylvania.

Student participants live with a roommate in a dormitory on PSU’s main campus, eat in a campus dining hall, utilize college resources and attend college classes. BBVS, PaTTAN, and PSU provide professional instruction and classes in the following skill areas:

- Assistive Technology classes to develop and strengthen computer access and mobile technology skills
- Orientation and Mobility instruction to enhance necessary independent travel skills
- Vocational Counseling and Career Exploration services to help define students’ vocational direction and provide opportunities for students to interact with successfully employed people who are blind or visually impaired
- Social Work services to enhance students’ social skills and provide emotional support
- Vision Rehabilitation Therapy to develop and enhance independent living skills
- Development of self-advocacy skills
- Development of leadership and team-building skills

Low Vision Rehabilitation addresses the functional vision of individuals with low vision.

Successful college students are hired as Resident Assistants (RAs) to live and attend classes with the program participants and serve as mentors. These Resident Assistants ensure the safety of the students and assist with the classroom instruction. Prior to the start of the Summer Academy, the RAs participate in a four-day training program to develop strategies to enhance the educational experience for participants who are blind or visually impaired.

The Summer Academy leverages resources from the Department of Labor & Industry and the Department of Education to assist residents of Pennsylvania in achieving their educational, independent living and employment goals.

For more information on attending the Summer Academy please visit: http://sites.psu.edu/summeracademy

For more information on applying to work at the Summer Academy please visit: http://sites.psu.edu/summeracademystaff/