

COMS



CERTIFIED ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY SPECIALIST

The world is my classroom — I have no desk, I have no chair,
but I get to go almost anywhere!

Become a COMS

- Worldwide opportunities for job placement
- Teach independent travel skills to people who have experienced vision loss thus positively impacting their lives
- Work 1:1 with **individuals of all ages** in outdoor, indoor, rural, and urban environments

How to Begin

Obtain a bachelor's degree in any field and earn a master's degree or graduate certification in Orientation and Mobility

Where a COMS may work

- Public, charter, and residential schools
- State and rehabilitation agencies
- Guide dog organizations
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Private contract in a variety of settings

What might a COMS do?

Sessions range from motivating an infant to crawl to preparing an older adult to cross four lanes of traffic - this field is dynamic and creative!

- Instruct individuals how to use **navigation apps**
- Orient a person with vision loss to a **new environment**
- Collaborate with city planners to develop **accessible intersections**
- Teach a college student the layout of their campus with **tactile maps**
- Orient a guide dog user to a new job site and their **public transit route**



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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

State and federal grants may cover the costs and are available for both in-person and hybrid programs.