**CATIS Eligibility:**

**Category 3**

1. High School Degree or higher plus completion of a post-secondary comprehensive ATBVI technical education and training program, lasting at least one year, that covers all of the CATIS Body of Knowledge education and CATIS Applied Competencies skills training.
2. 1,500 hours of Direct Work Experience providing assistive technology evaluation and training to individuals who are blind or have low vision. [The 350 internship hours may be counted as part of the 1,500 hours].

Direct consumer related services in Assistive Technology are defined as those services that are provided in-person to consumers and others related to or working with consumers. Work must be remunerated (does not include pre-professional training) and the total time required must have been gained within most recent applicable years based on the degree under which you are applying. It may include the following:

1. Evaluations, assessments, and other direct-to-consumer/student services
2. Implementation and training for consumers and/or students
3. Limited training provided to caregivers, support personnel, teacher's aides, TVIs, etc. in some instances as reinforcement of training being provided by CATIS (not to exceed 5% of total time)
4. Time spent preparing and writing assessment/instructional reports not to exceed 10% of total time
5. Time spent in staffing and interdisciplinary meetings not to exceed 5% of total time

**Expressly excluded** **from Direct Service** include the following:

1. Administrative tasks and paperwork processing such as scheduling, ordering technology, billing and collection related tasks.
2. Instruction and Research that does not include consumer contact

**Category 3 Documentation Required:**

1. Copy of Certificate of Completion of the technical training program including documentation of the coursework and duration of the program.
2. Core Domain Area Checklist
3. Clinical Competency Evaluation Form signed by a CATIS
4. Offsite Internship Supervisor Form, if applicable
5. Employer{s} Direct Service Hours Form for Category 3

**Internship Requirements for Categories, 1, 2 and 3:**

**Internship must be supervised by a CATIS either onsite or off-site. Off-site Supervision form must be submitted to ACVREP for approval prior to the start of the internship.**

1. Total Internship hours of 350
2. 280 hours of the Internship must be Direct Service that may include the following:
	1. Evaluations, assessments, and other direct-to-consumer/student services
	2. Implementation and training for consumers and/or students
	3. Limited training provided to caregivers, support personnel, teacher's aides, TVIs, etc. in some instances as reinforcement of training being provided by CATIS (not to exceed 5% of total time)
	4. Time spent preparing and writing assessment/instructional reports not to exceed 10% of total time
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