What is The Hadley School for the Blind?
The Hadley School for the Blind is a distance education school that offers tuition-free programs to thousands of individuals who are blind or visually impaired and their families. The school also offers affordable continuing education courses to professionals and service providers working in the blindness field.

Where is the Hadley School?
Right in your town. Through distance education, we come to you! Hadley students live in all 50 states and more than 100 countries. Students communicate with Hadley via mail, phone, fax and email. The school is headquartered in a Chicago suburb.

What does “distance education” mean?
You study in your home or office at your convenience. Course materials arrive in the mail or via the Internet. You consult with your instructors through mail, email, fax and a toll-free telephone number (U.S. and Canada).

Does Hadley offer courses online?
Yes. In fact, more online courses are being added through our eHadley initiative. While many courses are still offered in braille, audio or large print and posted through the mail, email submission of assignments is encouraged.
What courses does Hadley offer?
Our course listing includes more than 100 courses across many interest areas. Topics include braille reading and writing, business skills, languages, technology, independent living, academics and leisure activities.

Who is eligible to take Hadley courses?
We offer four educational programs to four distinct audiences. Look inside this brochure for specific program and eligibility information.

Must I know braille to take a course?
No. Many Hadley courses are offered in audio or large print. Many courses also are offered in Digital Talking Book format. If you’d like to learn braille, you can choose from several Hadley courses.

Is the school accredited?
Yes. The Hadley School has been accredited by the Accrediting Commission of the Distance Education and Training Council since 1958 and the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement since 1978.

When can I enroll?
Today. Call the school to obtain an enrollment application or apply online at www.hadley.edu. We have year-round open enrollment—no waiting for the next semester.
Who can enroll?

We invite you to apply for enrollment if:

► You are age 14 or older
► You are blind or meet vision eligibility requirements
► You can understand courses written in English

Why enroll?

► Learn to read and write braille
► Adjust to life after vision loss
► Enhance independent living skills
► Explore enriching activities
► Improve employability and business skills
► Discover the joys of lifelong learning

Art Schütz boards the train on his way to the fast-paced world of stocks and commodities. Taking the Hadley course “Self-Esteem and Adjusting with Blindness” helped him immensely. “I get a lot of fulfillment from my busy life. I don’t intend to give up any of it.”
Who can enroll?

We invite you to apply for enrollment if:

► You are age 14 or older
► You are blind or meet vision eligibility requirements
► You are a U.S. resident
► You can understand courses written in English

Why enroll?

► Transfer high school credits to a local school
► Earn a high school diploma
► Take blindness-specific courses that are not always available locally
► Take courses in accessible media
► Discover the joys of lifelong learning

Charles King graduated from Hadley with a total of 25 courses. He says, “Hadley’s faculty and support staff have always encouraged me to make it through the rough times.”
Jennifer O’Neill has been a Family Education student since 2005. “It doesn’t seem as though you would develop a personal connection through distance education, but Hadley instructors are like a family of support—helpful and understanding and full of useful information.”

Who can enroll?

We invite you to apply for enrollment if:

► You are a parent or grandparent of a blind or visually impaired child
► You are a spouse, adult daughter or son, or adult sibling of a blind or visually impaired adult
► You can understand courses written in English

Why enroll?

► Learn to read and write braille
► Foster the development of a child with a visual impairment
► Support your family member’s adjustment to vision loss
Jessie Lorenz helps a student learn the computer keyboard. “I’m glad to have Hadley as a resource in my efforts. I hope to show my students that independence can lead to a happy, productive life.”

Who can enroll?
We invite you to apply for enrollment if:
► You are a professional, volunteer or service provider who currently works with visually impaired individuals
► You can understand courses written in English

Why enroll?
► Build skills to work more effectively with your clients or students
► Familiarize yourself with Hadley’s distance education courses
► Earn Continuing Education Units
► Group pricing and scholarships available

Visit www.hadley.edu/HSPS for course, tuition and enrollment information.
Our mission
To promote independent living through lifelong, distance education programs for people who are blind or visually impaired, their families and blindness service providers

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