



Guide Dog Seminar for O&M Specialists: Learn how to assist clients who use a guide dog (10-12 ACVREP CEUs)

Leader Dogs for the Blind's two-day program is designed to give O&M specialists information to support clients seeking guide dogs and current human/dog teams.

SEMINAR OVERVIEW

We begin by covering the following topics:

- > Client prerequisites to optimize their success with a guide dog
- > O&M skills as an indicator to guide dog readiness
- > How guide dogs are trained and the skills they bring to the human/dog team

You will also learn how to determine if a client is an appropriate candidate for a guide dog and specifics about living with and caring for a guide dog.



SPECIAL FEATURES

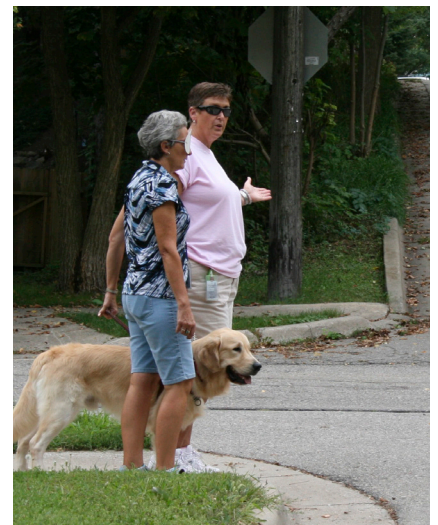
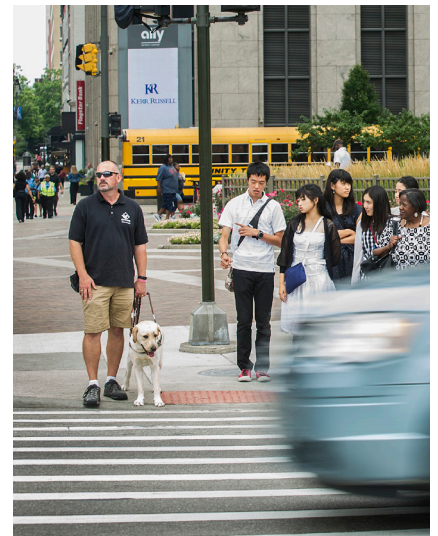
- > Observe guide dog mobility instructors (GDMIs) in action
- > Pattern a dog to commonly traveled routes
- > Identify the proper working position of a guide dog
- > Determine if a working issue is related to the dog or the human
- > Incorporate GPS into O&M lessons
- > Learn how Leader Dog works with Deaf-Blind clients

PRACTICE WITH A LEADER DOG

You will experience a truly one-of-a-kind exercise when you work under blindfold with a trained Leader Dog. With the support of a guide dog mobility instructor, you put all the techniques you've learned to use in a variety of environments.

CAMPUS TRAINING

Since college campuses pose a special challenge whether a client uses a white cane or a guide dog, part of the seminar takes place at a local university. This location provides a great backdrop to learning about orienting a guide dog team to a new environment and establishing landmarks and alternative routes of travel.



The seminar, along with room and board, are provided free of charge. Attendees are only responsible for providing their own transportation to and from Michigan*.

Participants may receive 10 to 12 ACVREP continuing education credits upon completion.

If you're an O&M Specialist and want to increase your skills, visit LeaderDog.org/programs/professional-and-university-opportunities or call **888.777.5332** for more information.



*Leader Dog provides travel from Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) to/from our Rochester Hills campus.