From Dr. Rona Pogrund, Texas Tech University:

A teacher who would like to get the VI Supplemental Certification through TTU can begin in June (Summer I) by taking the braille course. Then in July (Summer II), he or she can take the foundation Programs and Services course. Both courses are offered via distance education. Once they have successfully completed these two courses, they would qualify for the VI Emergency Permit for a particular TVI position. This certificate allows them to become a TVI in August. An agreement between TTU, SBEC, the hiring school district, and the student states that the student will complete the rest of the coursework leading to full certification, as they are teaching. And of course, they will be assigned a mentor from the Statewide Mentor Program to support them through the process.

If anyone is interested in starting coursework summer of 2018, then they would need to apply to the Graduate School (http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/). The applications for summer should be completed soon.

TTU has stipend funds left for new summer students through the Reach Across Texas program this year, so it would be worth an applicant's while to apply for the stipend for summer (https://www.depts.ttu.edu/education/outreach-and-research/sowell/students/cert-application.php) This application needs to be printed out and faxed to 806-742-2326 or mailed to the Sowell Center address at the bottom of the page. The deadline for Reach Across Texas scholarship consideration for summer is May 1, and for fall, it is June 1.