Interdepartmental Developmental Disabilities Certificate
School of Communication Science & Disorders

Purpose
Current upper-level undergraduate students are eligible to pursue an Interdepartmental Certificate in Developmental Disabilities, which provides a foundation of knowledge regarding etiology, treatments and policy issues related to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. This certificate program will enable students to be better prepared for professional endeavors and community interactions with people with disabilities.

Admission Requirements
Certificate applicants must be enrolled as an undergraduate student at Florida State University. Classes are offered during each semester throughout the academic year. The School of Communication Science & Disorders Certificate Program Coordinator will assist students with course selection and placement information.

Certificate Requirements
Within a five-year time period, students seeking certification must satisfy 9 credit hours of coursework and 3 credit hours of practicum from the approved list of courses and approved practicum sites. The current list of approved courses may be obtained from the School of Communication Science & Disorders Certificate Program Coordinator. More than 20 courses are available in the following disciplines: Art Education, Communication Science & Disorders, Family and Child Sciences, Middle & Secondary Education, Music Education & Therapy, Nursing, Psychology, Social Work, and School of Teacher Education.

An application is required and may only be submitted when 2 prerequisite courses have been completed. Practicum placement is limited, so please submit your application as soon as possible. Applications must be submitted at least one semester prior to graduation.

As practicum placements fill quickly priority will be given based on when a copy of your unofficial transcript showing all 3 completed courses required with a 3.0 GPA is received and approved. Please send unofficial transcripts to ddcertificate@gmail.com.
Program of Studies

1. Course of study approval by School of Communication Science & Disorders academic advisor upon admission to certificate program. Please refer to the Developmental Disabilities Certificate Course Offerings document for a comprehensive list of eligible courses to fulfill the requirements.

2. Coursework
   - The certificate program consists of twelve (12) credit hours to include: A core course (3 hours), two elective courses (6 hours) and participation in a practicum course (3 hours).
   - No more than 3 credit hours may be taken in the student’s major area of study.
   - The student must maintain a 3.0 in the required coursework.
   - **PLEASE NOTE: Students must complete the nine hours of classroom credit in three different departments.**

3. Community Experience
   - Students cannot participate in the practicum until all prerequisite coursework is completed.
   - The three (3) credit hour practicum course comprised of 45 hours of volunteer service learning hours to be completed at an off-campus placement with individuals with developmental disabilities. 3-4 hours of volunteer service to be completed each week over the semester if possible.
   - Students are responsible for transportation to and from their practicum placement.
   - This placement is arranged through the Certificate Program Coordinator and will be determined on the first day of class at the L.L. Schendel Speech and Hearing Clinic located in FSU’s Warren Building.
   - Class will have 2 face to face classes- once at the beginning of the semester to distribute placements and once at the end of the semester for group discussion and for the distribution of certificates. All other course content is delivered via Blackboard.

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