School of Communication Science & Disorders
College of Communication & Information

CERTIFICATE IN INTERDEPARTMENTAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Applying to the Certificate

- **Students must submit their application AFTER taking ONE course from the approved list.**
- The registrar will no longer approve students applying for the certificate AFTER taking their second course.

- Once students have submitted their application the DDCertificate@cci.fsu.edu will send an email to confirm the students expected practicum term. This ensures that there are enough seats for the class and placements in the community.
- Students who do not confirm their expected practicum term will have limited options to complete their practicum. So the sooner students can confirm their practicum term the better!
- Apply online at: https://commdisorders.cci.fsu.edu/programs/certificates/interdepartmental-developmental-disabilities/#program-application

Required Coursework

- Students must first complete twelve (12) credit hours to include: A core course (3 hours), two elective courses (6 hours) and participation in a practicum course (3 hours).
- Approved courses can be found on: https://commdisorders.cci.fsu.edu/programs/certificates/interdepartmental-developmental-disabilities/#courses
- Coursework must be completed with at least a B or higher.

Enrolling into the Practicum

- Students must receive an email from DDCertificate@cci.fsu.edu to enroll into the course.
- Students who have not received an email with the practicum course code will be dropped.
- Students will also receive information regarding requirements/clearances that must be completed to start at their assigned site. This information will be sent closer to the start of the student's expected practicum term. Completing background requirements early ensures a timely start to the practicum.

Community Experience (Practicum)

- Students *cannot* participate in the practicum until all prerequisite coursework is completed.
- The three (3) credit hour practicum course is comprised of 45 hours of volunteer service learning hours to be completed at an off-campus placement with individuals with developmental disabilities. 3-5 hours of volunteer service will be expected for each of the 15 weeks of the semester. The practicum *must* be completed over a full semester (Fall, Spring, or Summer Session C only)

Student FAQ's

- Students are not allowed to select their placement site. Sites are only in Tallahassee.
- Students are not allowed to complete required coursework at the same time as their practicum.
- Students studying abroad will NOT be able to complete their practicum in the same summer.
- The summer semester is Session C (the entire semester).

If you have any questions, please reach out to DDCertificate@cci.fsu.edu