Interdisciplinary Certificate in Disability Studies

Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Certificate in Disability Studies

CERTIFICATE CODE - CU04

The Certificate in Disability Studies prepares students, as citizens, to cope with the complex economic and social issues related to disabilities by learning directly from persons with disabilities and their families. Students will be trained to enter the workforce with the knowledge, skills, and experience needed to provide state-of-the-art services to persons with disabilities and their families, and to interact with co-workers who have disabilities.

Through the certificate program, students collaborate with, and learn from experts in the disability arena, including pediatric neurologists, geneticists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, special education leaders, social workers, physical and occupational therapists, and others. These professionals, who are experienced clinicians, researchers, and educators, provide didactic instruction, clinical instruction, and mentorship to students.

Students will also have the opportunity to gain leadership and management skills that prepare them to enter the workforce with increased professional independence. The certificate program exposes students to social justice issues, Appalachian concerns, principles of practice, and cultural diversity while developing their expertise in rural practice environments. As part of the certificate program, students have the opportunity to observe clinics that serve those with disabilities and their families.

At least a B- is required in all certificate coursework.

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<td>DISB 380 Disability and the Family</td>
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<td>DISB 385 Disability and Society</td>
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<td>Electives (No more than 9 hours from a single subject)*</td>
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*A project, clinical experience, or research that relates the student's major with persons with disabilities required.

Capstone Experience

| DISB 486 Capstone Portfolio: Disability | 1 |

Total Hours 16

Certificate Learning Outcomes

INTERDISCIPLINARY CERTIFICATE IN DISABILITY STUDIES

Description

Upon completion of the certificate students should be able to:

- describe characteristics and implications of disability conditions and programs/services for individuals with disabilities across the lifespan;
- acquire content knowledge relevant to understanding disability through the lens of other disciplines;
- Integrate information about disability conditions and programs/services into a capstone project.