INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY OF DISABILITIES (ISD) CGS

All students must meet the Requirements for the Certificates of Graduate Study

OVERVIEW

The Certificate of Graduate Study in ISD provides education, social services, healthcare, other professionals, and individuals with disabilities and their family members, access to a cohesive and relevant course of studies to enhance their education and instructional knowledge of disability studies. The certificate includes a total of eighteen credits, nine in core courses and nine in approved elective courses. Two options are offered:

1. Establish a general understanding of disabilities and of related interdisciplinary practices across disciplines;
2. Combine core courses with the focused study of a specific disability or related practice area.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for Admission to Graduate Studies for the Certificate of Graduate Study

- Completed bachelor’s degree
- Completed Graduate College Application
- Official transcripts from each college or university where credit has been earned
- Three letters of recommendation
- A personal statement of purpose
- A cumulative grade point average of 3.00 is recommended

Minimum Degree Requirements

The Certificate of Graduate Study in the ISD requires eighteen credits. Students admitted to the program must complete EDSP 274/CSD 274, EDSP 200, and develop an individualized plan of study for the remaining 12 credits. Depending on the chosen field of study, students work with their graduate advisor (if applicable) and the coordinator of this certificate program to identify twelve additional credits of coursework for their degree plan.

The core courses that are required for this certificate are:

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Although not an exhaustive list, suggested courses include:

- CSD 299  Autism Spect Dis: Assess & Interv
- CSD 313  Augmentative Communication
- EDSP 201  D2: Foundations of Special Ed
- EDSP 202  Severe Disabil Char & Intervent

Exception: VT LEND students taking this certificate are required to complete the following three required courses (nine credits) and three elective courses (nine credits).

The three required core courses for VT LEND students are:

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Additional information about this program in the ISD is available from the Certificate of Graduate Study website.