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 study to enhance their education and instructional knowledge of Disability Studies. The certificate includes a total of 18 credits, 9 in core courses and 9 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 5250/CSD 5740, and a Contemporary issues course, and must 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 12 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 6110 Intrdsc Sem Neurodev Disabil 1
- CSD 6120 Intrdsc Sem Neurodev Disabil 2
- CSD 6430 Augmentative Communication
- EDFS 6050 Race, Justice, and Education

Exception: VT LEND students taking this certificate are required to complete 3 elective courses (9 credits) and the following 3 required courses (9 credits):

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