DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SPECIALIST - CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL 1

The Certificate of Specialization in Developmental Disabilities Specialist program is designed for students interested in working in various settings serving children or adults with developmental disabilities. The coursework combines theory and application. Academic preparation focuses on the physical and emotional correlates of developmental disability. The students also complete an internship, gaining experience working in a school or agency supporting persons with developmental disability.

- Demonstrate various methods of documenting and evaluating behavioral change.
- Describe various strategies to decrease maladaptive behavior and develop more adaptive behavior, including the strengths and weaknesses of each.
- Apply components of a functional behavioral assessment and describe the importance of a functional analysis to decrease maladaptive behavior.
- Describe the causes and diagnosis of various developmental disabilities and compare social, sexual, and intellectual developmental processes of persons with and without DD
- Discuss the impact a person with DD may have on other family members and describe techniques that may be used when interacting with family members

certificate requirements

Course	Title	Credits
PSYC C1000	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYCH 040		3
PSYCH 041		3
PSYCH 098	Directed Study in Psychology	3
Approved Electives		*3*
PSYCH 092	Developmental Psychology	3
or PSYCH 099	Abnormal Psychology	
Total Units		**15**