



Developmental Disabilities Certificate

Program: Human Services

Program Code:

DV

Academic Area:

Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education

Type:

Certificate of Achievement

CIP Code:

44.0799

Program Statement

This certificate prepares students to work effectively with the broad range of populations with Intellectual Disabilities. It offers an opportunity for current provider agency employees within Massachusetts Department of Developmental Disability Services to advance within their organizations.

Program Information

- This certificate requires eight courses for a total of 24 credits.
- Students are required to participate in two internship courses which must be conducted at an approved service provider. DDS employees are required to conduct internships within their employer's programs. Contact the Program Director prior to enrollment to confirm internship site approval.
- Students not employed by DDS are responsible for their own tuition, fees, and textbooks. DDS covers the tuition, fees and textbooks for students employed by DDS service provider non-profit agencies and state direct services staff.
- All courses in this program apply to the Associate of Science in Human Services degree.
- Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) is not available in this program.

After Bristol

- Students completing this certificate program will be better prepared to provide direct care support for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities.
- Graduates of this program have advanced into higher level positions or transferred to different programs.



Program Requirements

Course #	Title	Credits
ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
SER 101	Introduction to Social Welfare	3
SER 212	Special Topics in Mental Health	3
SER 260	Supervision and Leadership in Human Services	3
SER 261	Developmental Disabilities	3
SER 290	Pre-Internship Skills, Planning and Success	1
SER 291	Field Experience and Seminar	5

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 1

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ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	3
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Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 2

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SER 261	Developmental Disabilities	3
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Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 3

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SER 212	Special Topics in Mental Health	3
SER 260	Supervision and Leadership in Human Services	3

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 4

Course #	Title	Credits
SER 291	Field Experience and Seminar	5
	Total credits:	24