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SUBJECT: Review of the Graduate Certificate in Developmental Disabilities

Dear Cleo:

Attached is a document which provides the information that you requested for the review and reauthorization of our Graduate Certificate in Developmental Disabilities. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barney".

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**Graduate Certificate in Developmental Disabilities
Human Development Institute
University of Kentucky
Six Year Review – March 2007**

Introduction and Academic Objectives

The Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky has been offering a Graduate Certificate in Developmental Disabilities since fall semester, 2001. The purpose of this Certificate is to prepare professionals from a broad range of disciplines to play a leadership role in providing services and supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families. The coursework emphasizes a life span and interdisciplinary perspective. Students also have the opportunity to participate in a practicum and family mentorship working directly with individuals with developmental disabilities, their families and professionals. The case method of instruction provides an opportunity to apply what is learned to real-life situations.

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There are also a variety of invited speakers, including persons with disabilities and parents, and agencies who participate in the courses, practica, research opportunities and mentorships.

Admissions Requirements

Students who are already, or will be, enrolled in a graduate degree program at the University of Kentucky are eligible to apply for admission to the Certificate. Students who have completed a postgraduate-level degree (masters, doctorate, or postgraduate professional degree) are also eligible to apply. Students accepted into the Certificate receive a \$3,000 stipend.

Courses

There are presently three, two-hour regular courses and three, two-hour practica being offered:

HDI 600 - Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Needs of Persons with Developmental Disabilities and Special Health Care Needs

Credit: 2 Hours

Course Description: This course provides a base of core knowledge and experience in interdisciplinary services and supports for persons with developmental disabilities and/or special health care needs and their families. This course is structured in an interdisciplinary seminar format, illustrating the application of each discipline's expertise to the needs of persons with disabilities and their families.

HDI 601 - Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Needs of Persons with Developmental Disabilities and Special Health Care Needs: Practicum

Credit: 2 Hours

Course Description: Participants engage in a wide range of structured site visits and other university-based clinical and community-based learning experiences, related to services and supports for persons with developmental disabilities and/or special health care needs and their families.

HDI 602 - Interdisciplinary Supports

Credit: 2 Hours

Course Description: This course will build on the disciplinary clinical competence of participating students and enhance their knowledge and skills related to specific issues regarding the needs of persons with developmental disabilities and other special health care needs. Topics covered include: Epidemiology, Prevention of Developmental Disabilities, Micro Environment, Early Childhood, School Age and Adult Issues, Cultural Diversity, the Rural and Underserved Population, Politics, Law and Health Care Reform Issues and Advocacy.

HDI 603 - Interdisciplinary Supports Practicum

Credit: 2 Hours

Course Description: The course will include practica experiences in interdisciplinary assessments and/or activities, as well as a long-term individualized student practicum. The practicum seminars will focus upon problem-solving strategies in providing high quality supports to persons with developmental disabilities and their families.

HDI 604 - Interdisciplinary Leadership Seminar

Credit: 2 Hours

Course Description: This course will provide a base of core knowledge and experiences in leadership, systems change, strategic planning, proposal development, group facilitation, conflict resolution, and interagency collaboration principles and strategies. These topical areas effectively represent key functions for those who would assume leadership roles in promoting inclusive community supports for person with developmental disabilities and their families. The course will utilize faculty and Institute staff from a wide range of disciplines.

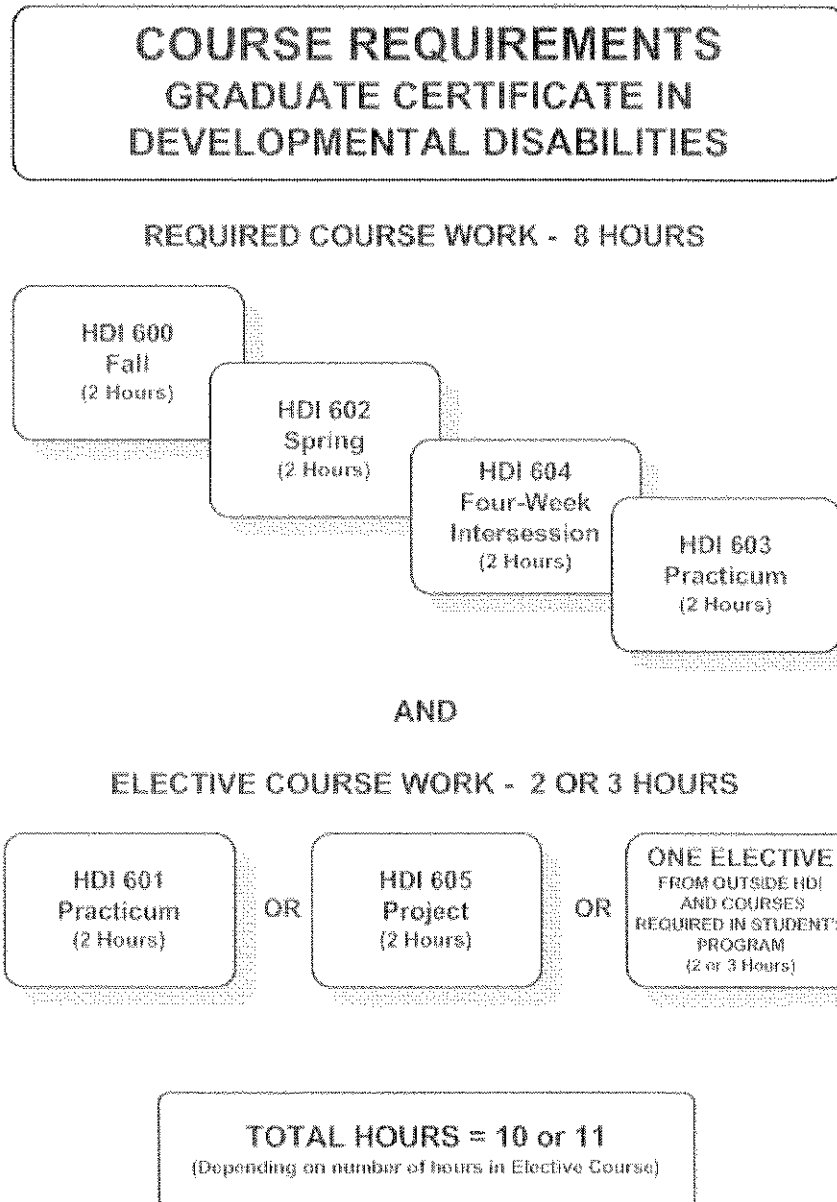
HDI 605 – Interdisciplinary Leadership Project

Credit: 2 Hours

Course Description: This course will include the trainee's individually designed leadership project. Options for projects include: research, development and preparation of grant applications, development and delivery of inservice training, or development of evaluation plans. As a final requirement for this course, the student will be required to develop a Leadership Project Summary, and make a class presentation on the Leadership Project.

Requirements for Completion of the Certificate

Ten or eleven semester hours, depending on the elective coursework chosen by the individual student, will be required for the Certificate. This will include six hours of regular coursework (HDI 600, 602, 604), two hours of practicum coursework (HDI 603), and two or three additional coursework which could include a practicum course (HDI 601 or 605) or elective coursework chosen by the student and approved by the Certificate Director. The elective course must not be a requirement for completion of the student's graduate degree program (see the figure below).



Rationale for Continuation of the Certificate

The Graduate Certificate in Developmental Disabilities will continue to address the following needs and mandates:

- The Human Development Institute, a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service, focuses its efforts on improving lifelong opportunities and services for individuals with disabilities, their families and the community. A major component of this effort is on pre-service training and the Graduate Certificate in Developmental Disabilities is our primary means of accomplishing this goal. In the first six years we have seen an increasing interest of graduate students at the university in our Certificate. To date, we have had 59 graduate students participate in coursework offered by the Human Development Institute with the majority of these students pursuing the Graduate Certificate. We have continued, and expect to continue, to be able to secure federal funding for operation of the Certificate. This funding provides student stipends and salary support for the affiliate faculty.
- The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (P.L. 106-402) defines the purpose of University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service, like HDI, to: "Provide interdisciplinary preservice preparation of students and fellows, continuing education for individuals who support or assist individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, community and family education, technical assistance, and model demonstration activities; to conduct applied research and policy analysis; disseminate information and research findings, and policy analyses." According to the Act, interdisciplinary preservice training is to remain a core function of the Centers like HDI.
- Graduate Certificate in Developmental Disabilities is our primary means of integrating the Human Development Institute into the teaching mission of the university.
- The Graduate Certificate in Developmental Disabilities provides a graduate level, interdisciplinary education for those individuals who wish to enhance their knowledge, skills and attitudes in the area of developmental disabilities. Most important, the Graduate Certificate provides a truly unique opportunity for graduate students from a variety of academic disciplines to pursue advanced education and research in this important field of study and professional practice.

Copies of Flyers and Brochures (attached)
Copy of the Certificate Awarded Upon Completion (attached)

For more information, please contact:

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*Who should consider
the Certificate?
Graduate students preparing
to play a leadership role in
providing services and
supports for people with
developmental disabilities
and their families*

Stipend: \$3,000

Interdisciplinary Faculty:

*Ten Departments and
Colleges represented*

*Admission Requirements:
Enrollment in a Graduate
Program*

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The case method of instruction will provide an opportunity to apply what is learned to real-life situations.

Principal faculty for this Graduate Certificate are affiliated with:

University of Kentucky

- Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology*
- Rehabilitation Sciences*
- Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling*
- Department of Family Studies*
- Division of Communication Disorders*
- Department of Pediatrics*
- College of Public Health*
- Center for Biomedical Engineering*
- Human Development Institute*

Eastern Kentucky University

- Department of Psychology*



Course Requirements: Six hours of class work, 2 hours of practicum and 2 or 3 hours of elective course work. A new sequence of courses begins in the Fall semester.

Admission Requirements: Enrollment in a graduate program at the University of Kentucky.

Stipends: \$3,000 offered on an annual, competitive basis.

To Apply: Send letter of application and resume to Dr. Fleming at the address below.

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The Human Development Institute – A University Center for Excellence at the University of Kentucky offers a Graduate Certificate in Developmental Disabilities. The purpose of this Graduate Certificate is to prepare professionals from a broad range of disciplines to play a leadership role in providing services and supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families. The curriculum will emphasize a life span and interdisciplinary perspective. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a practicum and learn directly from individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Funding for this Certificate is provided by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

What can a student expect to learn?

- Students will be presented a comprehensive theoretical overview of the field of developmental disabilities. An emphasis will also be placed on application of this knowledge of policies and services for the benefit of persons with developmental disabilities and their families. This certificate will present a comprehensive and unique perspective not available within any individual program on campus.***
- The interdisciplinary nature of this field of study will be emphasized. In addition to a broad, interdisciplinary perspective, students will acquire a basic foundation in a number of specific, topical areas such as specialized healthcare services and financing, inclusive education, behavioral supports, employment options, advocacy, legislation, assistive technology, community living, aging with a disability, organizational development and theory, group facilitation, and research proposal development.***
- There will be opportunities for students to learn from the expertise of persons with disabilities and their families, from practicing professionals, from an interdisciplinary faculty, and from other students.***
- Students will be exposed to research techniques and methodologies, permitting them to develop their own analytic and evaluative skills.***
- Students will have option to put these research skills into practice by completing a research project under faculty supervision.***

- **Students will supplement their own disciplinary academic expertise with an interdisciplinary perspective of the field of developmental disabilities.**

Who should participate in this certificate?

Graduate students from a variety of disciplines who wish to prepare themselves to play a leadership role in providing services and supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families. Practicing professionals who have completed postdoctoral work from a variety of disciplines who wish to further their education and experience in this field will also benefit.

Who are the interdisciplinary faculty affiliated with the certificate?

Principal faculty for the Graduate Certificate are affiliated with:

- **Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology, University of Kentucky**
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- **Department of Family Studies, University of Kentucky**
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- **Department of Psychology, Eastern Kentucky University**
- **Department of Pediatrics, University of Kentucky**
- **College of Public Health, University of Kentucky**
- **Center for Biomedical Engineering, University of Kentucky**
- **Human Development Institute, University of Kentucky**

What are the admission requirements?

Students who are already, or will be, enrolled in a graduate degree program at the University of Kentucky are eligible to apply for admission.

What are the course requirements?

Ten or eleven credit hours, depending on the elective chosen by the individual student, will be required for the certificate. Three courses (HDI 600, 602 and 604) and one practicum course (HDI 603) are required for the certificate. All HDI-listed courses are two credit hours. In addition to the required courses, two or three hours of elective coursework will also be required: either HDI 601, HDI 605 or one elective from outside of HDI-listed courses and courses required in the student's degree program. A suggested list of elective courses will be provided. The elective course is subject to approval by the certificate director. A new sequence of courses begins in the Fall semester and can be completed by the end of the First Summer Session of the same academic year.

What are the graduation requirements?

A 3.00 GPA in the certificate courses must be earned in order for the certificate to be awarded. Successful completion of the certificate will be noted on the student's transcript.

Is there financial support for students?

A stipend of \$3,000 will be offered to each student on an annual, competitive basis.

How do I apply for the Graduate Certificate in Developmental Disabilities?

Please send a letter indicating your intention to apply and your resume to Dr. Barney Fleming (see address and contact information below). Please include your cumulative grade point average(s) for undergraduate and, if applicable, graduate school coursework.

Who should be contacted for more information?

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In recognition of the successful completion of the required course of study a

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is conferred upon

Student Name

Jeannine Blackwell, Ph.D.
Dean, The Graduate School

Date

Bernard P. Fleming, Ph.D.
Preservice Training Director,
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Date