



UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

MEMORANDUM

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The Graduate Council approved the following:

**Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Developmental Disabilities**

The focus of the certificate program will address topics relevant to individuals with developmental disabilities across the whole lifespan. The program will entail four courses plus an elective in a relevant department such as Special Education, Communication Disorders, or Social Work. Students also will have an option of taking a fifth IHDI course for a total of 10 credit hours.

**COURSE CHANGES**

INTERDISCIPLINARY HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

**HDI 600 Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Needs of Children with Disabilities and Special Health Care Needs (2)**  
Change in title, description, prerequisite

Change to:

HDI 600 Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Needs of Persons with Developmental Disabilities and Special Health Care Needs (2)  
This course provides a base of core knowledge and experience in interdisciplinary services and supports for person 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 person with disabilities and their families. Lecture, three hours per week.  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing and consent of instructor

**HDI 601 Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Needs of Children with Disabilities and Special Health Care Needs: Practicum (2)**  
Change in title, description, prerequisite

Change to:

HDI 601 Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Needs of Persons with Developmental Disabilities and Special Health Care Needs: Practicum (2)  
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. Lecture, one hour; Laboratory, eight hours per week.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing and consent of instructor

**HDI 602      Interdisciplinary Supports (2)**  
Change in description, prerequisite

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HDI 602

Interdisciplinary Supports (2)  
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. Lecture, three hours per week.  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing and consent of instructor

**HDI 603      Interdisciplinary Supports Practicum (2)**  
Change in description, prerequisite

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HDI 603

Interdisciplinary Supports Practicum (2)  
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. Lecture, one hour every two weeks; laboratory, eight hours per week.  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing and consent of instructor.

**HDI 604      Interdisciplinary Leadership Seminar (2)**  
Change in description, prerequisite

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HDI 604

Interdisciplinary Leadership Seminar (2)  
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. Lecture, three hours per week.  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing and consent of instructor

**HDI 605      Interdisciplinary Leadership Practicum (2)**  
Change in description, prerequisite

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HDI 605

Interdisciplinary Leadership Practicum (2)

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. Laboratory, eight hours per week.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing and consent of instructor