

## About the University of Memphis Institute on Disability (UMID)

The University of Memphis Institute on Disability (UMID) is a research, training, and community resource organization that focuses on the issues of persons with physical, intellectual, and emotional disabilities. Students in search of meaningful employment and independent living participate in research and training programs which offer systematic approaches to job placement. The Institute uses data gained from research connected to the experiences of persons with disabilities, and other at-risk populations, to make a meaningful impact on the urban community.

As a graduate student in Disability Studies, you will have a unique opportunity to participate in research in one of UMID's many ongoing projects, and to advocate for disability rights in the community. This research is likely to increase your marketability on resumé for competitive careers.

*For more information on UMID and its ongoing projects, please visit:  
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## Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Disability Studies

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## Overview of Program

This certificate program provides training for professionals who have, or plan to have, the opportunity to work with persons who have disabilities. It will also provide students with a comprehensive background on the physical, psychosocial, vocational, and legal issues that face persons with disabilities.

### Program Admissions\*

Applicants will apply to the specific certificate program (i.e., Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Disabilities Studies). They should submit:

1. Transcript of undergraduate degree program and transcripts of prior and current graduate study;
2. Three letters of recommendation; and
3. A letter describing reasons for wishing to take a graduate certificate in the area of disability studies and how the program corresponds with prior experience and anticipated career plans.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.memphis.edu/cepr/cpsy>

\*The certificate Program is housed in the Department of Counseling Educational Psychology and Research (CEPR) of the College of Education, Health, and Human Services (CEHHS).

## Program Requirements

The certificate program requires a minimum of 12 hours of course work.

### Required Courses:

COUN 6913 Medical and Psychosocial Aspects of Rehabilitation (3 Credit Hours)  
COUN 6901 Principles and Techniques of Rehabilitation Counseling (3 Credit Hours)  
UNIV7400 Family Disability Law and Practice (3 Credit Hours)

Choose at least one 3-hour elective from the following list, or a related area:

ANTH 6531 Alcohol, Drugs and Culture  
PLAN 7201 Community Facilities Planning  
CJUS 7510 Law and Society  
POLS 7111 Issues in Health Services Administration  
HADM 7114 Long Term Care Administration  
HADM 7115 Public Health Systems  
PSYC 7217 Social Psychology  
PADM 6208 Mental Health Policy and Law  
PADM 7604 Social Science and the Law  
SOCI 7411 Social Stratification  
SOCI 7512 Deviance and Diversity  
COMM 7012 Seminar in Health Communication  
NUTR 7212 Applied Nutrition for Health  
HPRO 7182 Health Promotion  
HPRO 7702 Contemporary Health Issues  
HPRO 7703 Lifetime Physical Activity and Health  
SPED 7000 Psycho-Educational Problems of Exceptional Children and Adults  
UNIV 7796 Independent Study

## Benefits of a Certificate in Disability Studies

This interdisciplinary degree will qualify you for a variety of fields, many of which have jobs in high demand! Some of these include:

- Disability Law
- Education
- Healthcare Social Work
- Nursing
- Physical Therapy
- Head start in Master's of Rehabilitation Counseling Program

### Certification:

The Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification has added a category for persons with counseling and related degrees who also have a relevant certificate such as this one to become eligible to sit for the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) certification.

### Utility of Certificate:

Current graduate students at the University of Memphis who wish to include Disability Studies as a minor or concentration in an already existing program do not have to complete a new application for admission to the Disability Studies program.