

## **Graduate Certificate in Applied Disability Studies (COEDCT05PB)**

This policy statement was recommended by the Academic Senate on April 9, 2015, and approved by the President on April 15, 2015.

### **Program Description**

The graduate certificate in Applied Disability Studies is designed to prepare graduate students to work with individuals with disabilities in a range of school, healthcare, private sector, community, government agency, and other organizational settings. Students will gain insights and experiences through coursework and fieldwork that will strengthen their knowledge and skills in working with individuals with disabilities. This interdisciplinary program includes coursework from across Departments and Colleges in the University. The certificate program consists of 18 units; 6 specific units are required for this program, and the student will consult with the program advisor in selecting 3- 6 units of fieldwork requirements, and 6 – 9 units of elective courses.

Applicants to the Graduate Certificate in Applied Disability Studies must have earned a Bachelor's degree and be matriculated in a Master's degree program at CSULB. Students must earn the graduate certificate in Applied Disability Studies while in matriculated status as a graduate student at CSULB.

### **Requirements**

- 1) Submit an application for the Graduate Certificate in Applied Disability Studies to the College of Education Office of Graduate Studies.
- 2) Be matriculated in a master's degree program at CSULB.
- 3) Complete the following coursework:
  - (i) Required course  
EDSP 570 Community Inclusion: Introduction to Individuals with Disabilities (3 units)
  - (ii) Select one of the following two courses:  
EDSP 525- Advocacy and the Educational Context of Disability (3 units) OR  
REC/GERN 469/569 - Disability, Culture and Society: Issues and Intervention (3 units)
  - (iii) Complete 3 – 6 units of clinical field experience/internship (a minimum of 3 units is required for the Graduate Certificate program in Applied Disability Studies).  
This fieldwork will typically be a required component of the master's degree program that you are pursuing, and you will complete 90 hours of fieldwork with individuals with disabilities during your graduate fieldwork.  
Contact the program advisor if your master's degree program does not include at least 3 units of practicum/fieldwork experiences.
  - (iv) Choose 6 – 9 units of electives from any college in consultation with the Graduate Certificate program advisor.

**EFFECTIVE: Fall 2016**

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