

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES CERTIFICATE

The CIDD offers a Certificate Program in Developmental Disabilities supported by the North Carolina University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). This program is tailored to graduate students interested in pursuing a career dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DDs). It is intended to provide graduate students with opportunities to demonstrate specialization in I/DDs. Core topic areas covered through participation in the certificate program include:

- Mechanisms and Etiology
- Clinical Presentation
- Family and Systems Issues
- Cultural Diversity
- Neuropsychological Assessment
- Evidence-Based Intervention
- Ethics

Course Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--|--|----------|
| Core Courses | | |
| Nine total hours from the following group of courses: | | |
| EDUC 763 | Biological Bases of Children's Development | 3 |
| HSCI 862 | Developmental Disabilities Across the Lifespan I: An Interdisciplinary Approach ¹ | 2 |
| HSCI 864 | Developmental Disabilities Across the Lifespan II: An Interdisciplinary Approach ¹ | 2 |
| NBIO 800 | Gene-Brain-Behavior Interactions in Neurodevelopmental Disorders: Perspectives on Disease Mechanisms | 3 |
| NBIO 801 | Clinical Syndromes and Neurodevelopmental Disorders | 3 |
| CRMH 816 | Evidence-Based Counseling Practices with People with Developmental Disabilities | 1.5 |
| HSCI 915 | Developmental Disabilities: Current Research and Practice I | 1 |
| HSCI 916 | Developmental Disabilities: Current Research and Practice II | 1 |
| SPHS 888 | Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities in Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing I | 1 |
| SPHS 889 | Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities in Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing II | 1 |
| Approved LEND or CIDD faculty-sponsored independent study ² | | |
| Minimum Hours | | 9 |

¹ Available to LEND trainees only.

² Please note that this must be pre-approved by the certificate director.

Non-Course Certificate Requirements

1. The expectation is to attend 50% of the following seminars within one academic year:
 - a. CIDD Community Talk Series (<https://www.med.unc.edu/cidd/training-education/community-talk-webinar-series/>): Please

contact angela.cousin@cidd.unc.edu to be added to the email distribution list.

- b. CIDD Investigator Forum Series (<https://www.med.unc.edu/cidd/training-education/other-education-activities/>): Please contact angela.cousin@cidd.unc.edu to be added to the email distribution list.
- c. CIDD Didactic Lecture Series (<https://www.med.unc.edu/cidd/training-education/other-education-activities/>): This seminar series is part of HSCI 915 or HSCI 916, in which case full attendance is required.
2. Dissertation/thesis/final project requirement: Dissertation/thesis/final projects of certificate program participants must include a developmental disabilities component, though these projects need not necessarily be defended prior to earning the certificate. Additionally, at least one dissertation/thesis/final project committee member must be either a CIDD faculty member or a DD-focused UNC-CH faculty member approved by the certificate program's advisory panel faculty.