

# DISABILITY STUDIES CERTIFICATE

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**Program code:** DSAB-CC

**Location:** Manchester

## Program Description

People with disabilities are an integral part of the community and should receive necessary community-based supports.

This certificate program provides a concentration in on-the-job training in direct service situations, as well as specialized courses that relate to developmental disabilities, which prepares individuals for employment opportunities working people with disabilities, such as paraeducators and/or group home employees.

## Learning Outcomes

With the addition of experience in the field of disability and upon successful completion of all Disability Specialist certificate program requirements, graduates will:

1. Define and discuss basic definitions, causes, psychological characteristics and educational approaches relevant to children with disabilities.
2. Discuss how children and adults with disabilities have unique abilities rather than limitations.
3. Compare various learning theories and their application to children and adults with disabilities.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of ethical standards including confidentiality.
5. Define ethical standards in the disability field and demonstrate confidentiality in written and oral assignments.

## Certificate Requirements

| Code                    | Title                                     | Credits   |
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| <b>Required Courses</b> |   |           |
| HSER 1001               | Introduction to Human Services            | 3         |
| HSER 2351               | Working with Individuals and Families     | 3         |
| HSER 2420               | Group and Interpersonal Relations         | 3         |
| HSER 2441               | Human Services Agencies and Organizations | 3         |
| PSY 1011                | General Psychology I                      | 3         |
| PSY 1163                | Children with Disabilities                | 3         |
| PSY 1173                | Adults with Disabilities                  | 3         |
| PSY 1183                | Learning Process and Disability           | 3         |
| PSY 1184                | Assistive Technology Across the Lifespan  | 3         |
| PSY 1185                | Issues and Trends in Disabilities         | 3         |
| <b>Total Credits</b>    |   | <b>30</b> |

- Disability Specialist, AS