

## UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE DEAFBLIND INTERVENER

CMU's deafblind intervener program is one of only two in the nation. It prepares you to work one-to-one with students who are deafblind, helping them reach their greatest potential and improve their quality of life.

This undergraduate certificate provides high-quality, high-impact training for interveners in an online format. You'll build your communication and language skills, learn strategies for effective teamwork with all caregivers, and participate in a hands-on practicum experience that includes coaching from experts in deafblindness.

CMU is a leader in deafblind education, offering this certificate ahead of pending federal mandates for interveners. The coursework is based on the Open Hands, Open Access (OHOA) intervener training modules created by leading professionals, interveners and parents of children who are deafblind.

The program is critical for those currently working to meet the needs of students who are deafblind. Schools who support their staff completing the program will be on the cutting-edge of best practice.

### WHY CHOOSE CMU?

- The director and instructor of this program has more than 28 years of experience working with deafblind students and is fluent in American Sign Language.
- The program can be completed in one year by taking one course per eight-week term.
- You submit your portfolio for the national credential electronically, saving shipping costs.
- CMU is known for the high level of support offered to all our students no matter where or how you take your courses.
- Online services:
  - Nationally recognized library services sends materials directly to you.
  - Online allies share tips and techniques for online success.
  - Writing Center helps from topic selection to final edits.
  - Presentation Center helps you get organized and make the best impression.

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### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Deafblind interveners work as part of the educational team in local school districts and social agencies. During your program you compile a portfolio demonstrating Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) competencies for interveners. The portfolio is then submitted for the national credential as a Deafblind Intervener through the National Resource Center for Paraeducators (NRCPara). This credential can increase the employment opportunities for current CMU students and those already working in special education, therapeutic recreation, communication disorders and American Sign Language.



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**FORMAT:**

Online

**CREDIT HOURS:**

12

**TUITION:**

Standard undergraduate tuition rate  
[global.cmich.edu/finances/tuition](http://global.cmich.edu/finances/tuition)

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST:**

- Have a high school diploma with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 or a GED. If your GPA is less than 2.0, conditional admission may be considered.
- Apply online at [apply.cmich.edu](http://apply.cmich.edu) to the Undergraduate Certificate Deafblind Intervener program.
- Pay your \$50 application fee.
- Submit appropriate documentation: official high school transcript, GED test score, or official transcripts from all previous colleges and universities attended. These may be emailed to [transcripts@cmich.edu](mailto:transcripts@cmich.edu) or mailed to:  
Central Michigan University  
Attn: Transcript Department  
802 Industrial Drive  
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858
- Send in TOEFL iBT scores if you are from a non-English speaking country.

**REQUIRED COURSES – 12 CREDITS:**

Students take courses in order.

- DBI 101 *Introduction to Deafblindness and Intervention*
- DBI 201 *Building Communication and Language Skills*
- DBI 301 *Intervention Strategies and Teaming*
- DBI 302 *Intervention Practicum*

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If you are adding this undergraduate certificate to a current degree program at CMU, please speak with an advisor before taking these courses.