

DEAFBLIND INTERVENER

CMU's deafblind intervener program leads to the National Intervener Credential. 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 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.

MORE ABOUT:

- » The director and instructor of this program has been in the field since 1991 working with students who are deafblind and is fluent in American Sign Language.
- » 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 will send materials directly to you.
 - » Writing Center helps from topic selection to final edits.
 - » Presentation Center helps you get organized and make the best impression.
- » The CMU DBI Training Program is updated annually based on student feedback and performance, current research, and best practices in the field of deafblindness.
- » The CMU program reflects the current Council for Exceptional Children Knowledge and Skill Competencies for interveners.



WHY CHOOSE CMU?

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.

UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE DEAFBLIND INTERVENER

FORMAT:

Online

PROGRAM LENGTH:

Program begins each fall and can be completed in less than one year

CREDIT HOURS:

12

TUITION:

Standard undergraduate tuition rate
CMICH.EDU/ONLINETUITION

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 to the Undergraduate Certificate Deafblind Intervener program.
- Pay application fee.
- Request official transcripts to be sent to:
Central Michigan University
Attn: Transcript Department
802 Industrial Drive
Mount Pleasant, MI 4885
or sent electronically to apply@cmich.edu.
- 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*

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



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