National Credentialing for Interveners Through the National Resource Center for Paraprofessionals

The requirements for obtaining the National Intervener Credential include:

- A minimum of **10 hours of credited coursework** from an Institution of Higher Education (includes a 2-credit hour practicum experience)
- A **practicum experience** (minimum of 2 credit hours) under the supervision of the course instructor and the guidance of a trained Intervener Coach
- A completed Intervener Portfolio based on the National Intervener Competencies which
 provides documentation that the intervener has acquired the knowledge and skills
 needed to be an effective intervener

Once the intervener has met all the requirements for credentialing, the Portfolio and other documentation is submitted to the National Resource Center for Paraprofessionals, along with a \$100 processing fee. If all requirements are met, the credential is awarded to the intervener.

Intervener Training

The Intervener training program is currently offered through Utah State University, Department of Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education.

The coursework is designed to be taken consecutively beginning with Introduction to Deafblindness.

- COMD 4660 Introduction to Deafblindness (4 credits)
- COMD 4840 Vision and Hearing Loss (4 credits)
- COMD 4250 Practicum Work Study