

On-line Training Program in Deafblindness



A preservice online training program in deafblindness is available through Utah State University. Based on the National Intervener Competencies, the courses are designed to prepare paraprofessionals to work as interveners with children and youth who are deafblind. It can also be useful to teachers, parents, administrators, and adult service providers. This coursework won the 2007 Blackboard Greenhouse Exemplary Course Award, which recognizes it as one of the top ten online courses in the country.

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

Courses in Deafblindness

COMD 4660/COMD 6660	Introduction to Deafblindness (4 credits)
COMD 4840/COMD 6840	Vision and Hearing Loss (4 credits)
COMD 4890/COMD 6890	Additional Issues in Deafblindness (4 credits)
COMD 4250	Practicum Work Study (2 credits)

National Intervener Credential

For those wishing to obtain the National Intervener Credential, the following coursework is required at this time.

COMD 4660/COMD 6660	Introduction to Deafblindness (4 credits)
COMD 4840/COMD 6840	Vision and Hearing Loss (4 credits)
COMD 4250	Practicum Work Study (2 credits)

The following options are available to interested students:

Option 1: Students can take the training program in deafblindness that consists of three 4-semester credit hour classes to be offered in the Fall and the Spring. Undergraduate tuition is currently \$275/credit hour with no out-of-state fees (\$1,100/course). Upon successful completion of the coursework, students will be awarded a certificate of completion from USU. These courses can also be taken for graduate credit. Tuition rates for graduate credit is currently \$350/credit hour (\$1,400/course). **(Note: Tuition rates are subject to change.)**

Option 2: Students can take the coursework as part of an Associate's Degree program in General Studies with a Focus in Deafblindness. This online program includes 30 semester hours of general education classes and 30 hours of coursework that includes the deafblind classes and other related topics. If interested in participating in this training, please contact: Linda Alsop, SKI-HI Institute, (435) 797-5598, linda.alsop@usu.edu.

Option 3: Students can take the three-course training program on a **non-credit basis**. The cost for non-credit tuition is \$110/credit hour (\$440/course). Upon successful completion of the coursework, students will receive a certificate of completion from USU. **If you choose to take the course for non-credit, contact Fran Payne (435) 797-5591 or fran.payne@usu.edu, for a non-credit registration form.*