

DEVELOPMENTAL THERAPIST CERTIFICATE

Program of Study

Advising Sheet

Name: _____

Date: _____

The Developmental Therapist Certificate is applicable for those individuals who work with infants and toddlers with disabilities, ages birth through 2 years, who are receiving services in the First Connection Early Intervention Program. The Teachers College, Henderson State University Program of Study consists of 15 hours of graduate-level course work, including a three-hour practicum in an early intervention program. In this program, candidates will demonstrate their ability to work and collaborate effectively with families, as well as evaluate infants and toddlers to assess their strengths and weaknesses and design appropriate interventions and instruction. Candidates will also demonstrate their ability to implement designated interventions and instruction through the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP), monitor and evaluate the IFSP for effectiveness and revise the plan when needed. Candidates will focus on the skills necessary to instruct and supervise others in delivering and implementing the IFSP as designed.

Admission Requirements:

- _____ Admission to the HSU Graduate School
- _____ Bachelor's degree in education, psychology, or related social service field
- _____ Three letters of recommendation -- One each from a peer, current or past supervisor, and a college or university academic professional
- _____ Current resume
- _____ Signed release of information form from Graduate Office
- _____ Personal essay addressing philosophy of special education and autobiographical information describing reasons for choosing to enter the special education field
- _____ Interview with two Graduate School faculty members (one must be a special education faculty member)

Program of Study:

- _____ SPE 6353 Advanced Studies in Early Childhood Special Education
- _____ SPE 6363 Advanced Methods in Early Childhood Special Education
- _____ SPE 6393 Advanced Methods of Instructing Students with Severe to Profound Disabilities
- _____ SPE 6403 Assessment and Programming
- _____ SPE 6413 Practicum: Birth – 5 years

Total: 15 Graduate Hours

Exit Criteria:

- _____ Satisfactory completion of the program of study
- _____ Successful demonstration of performances based on exit portfolio assessment (Upon entering the program, each candidate will be provided portfolio guidelines and assessment rubric)
- _____ Successful presentation of portfolio to Exit Evaluation Committee (program faculty, advisor, external special education evaluator)