Instructional Strategist II

Studies in Special Education offer an Instructional Strategist II - Intellectual Disabilities (K-12) endorsement to prepare teachers providing instruction to students with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities in a K-12 instructional setting.

Shortage Area
There is a growing need across Iowa for teachers to be certified with the Strategist II – Intellectual Disability endorsement. More students with intellectual disabilities are being served in public school settings and this endorsement is designed specifically to help prepare you for those demands. This endorsement is a K-12 endorsement and also allow holders to administer Iowa’s Alternate Assessments.

Requirements
This endorsement is for licensed teachers currently holding the Strategist I Endorsement. The Strategist II, Intellectual Disabilities Endorsement requires 11 credit hours. Because this is a K-12 endorsement, practicum hours must encompass elementary and secondary experiences in a Instructional Strategist II, ID setting.
Course Format
Courses offered in multiple formats to accommodate the learning style that suits you best.

Course Schedules

SPED 124/224 (3 credit hour hybrid course)
Curriculum and Methods for Students with Moderate and Severe Intellectual Disabilities
OnLine Portion:
- 6/1/19-8/2/19
Face-to-Face portion:
- Saturday 6/15 8:30-4:00
- Thursday 6/20 12:30-4:30
- Saturday 6/29 8:30-4:00
- Saturday 7/13 8:30-4:00
- Thursday 7/18 12:30-4:00

SPED 125/225 (3 credit hour course)
Introduction and Evidence-Based Interventions for Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders
This 3-credit hour course is offered online with options in the summer or spring
- Summer 2019: June 10 - July 19
- Spring 2020: January 27 - May 8

SPED 154/254 (3 credit hour hybrid course)
First Aid, Health and Safety for Individuals with Moderate and Severe Disabilities
OnLine Portion:
- 6/1/19-8/2/19
Face-to-Face portion:
- 6/13/19 Thursday 8:30-1:30
- 6/19/19 Wednesday 8:30 - 1:30
- 6/27/19 Thursday 8:30 - 1:30
- 7/1/19 Thursday 8:30-2:30 (CPR Training)
- 7/17/19 Wednesday 8:30-1:30

SPED Practicum (2 credit hours for a 60-contact hour practicum)

Additional Information
Drake University also offers a Master's degree in Special Education. Our program utilizes a mix of online and face-to-face classes. The face-to-face classes meet at the Drake campus and follow an evening and/or weekend format. Our class sizes are small to allow for personalization and in-depth look into the content and curriculum. All classes utilize a practical and engaging approach to learning and focus on meeting the diverse needs of students across the state of Iowa. In addition to a Master’s degree, Drake offers a range of endorsement options.

- Instructional Strategist I (K-5 and 5-12)
- Instructional Strategist II (LD/BD K-12)
- Instructional Strategist III (ID K-12)
- Work Experience Coordinator
- Special Education Consultant

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