

CERTIFICATE IN DISABILITY AND NEURODIVERSITY

The undergraduate Certificate in Disability and Neurodiversity provides an interdisciplinary understanding of individuals across the lifespan with disabilities and is relevant to majors and careers in health, education, rehabilitation, and human service professions. Students will explore how disabilities interact with health, life outcomes, family, society, stigma, and the physical environment, and intersect with identities such as race and gender. This certificate consists of basic coursework as well as experiential learning through research or field experiences. This certificate is open to students in all majors.

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this certificate, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the history, philosophy, definitions, and rights related to disabilities and developmental disabilities.
2. Use content knowledge to investigate or optimize the development, health, and well-being of individuals with disabilities.
3. Acquire knowledge regarding the causes, outcomes, and interventions of commonly occurring disabilities and health conditions (e.g., congenital disabilities, diabetes, spinal cord injuries).
4. Describe concepts related to independence, inclusion, ableism, stigma, choice and self-determination, empowerment, access, stigma, identity politics, and acceptance for individual differences as they relate to disability, life stage, and culture.