Online Graduate Certificate in Early Intervention Studies

Do you want to go above and beyond regular teacher education? If you are an educator who wants to work with special children with disabilities and their families in a variety of environments, this certificate might be the perfect way for you to start making a difference. It shows that you are a teacher with a purpose who has more to offer than average job candidates do.

- Fully online 15-semester credit hour (SCH) Graduate Certificate in Early Intervention Studies
- Prepares students to address social, academic, cultural, racial, and political intersections faced by young children with disabilities and their families from birth through age eight
- Offers students teaching and research mentorship by nationally recognized faculty

UTEP’s Graduate Certificate in Early Intervention Studies* is the first program of its kind in Texas and responds to an increased need in the field for highly qualified early intervention educators and agency professionals. It offers a multicultural perspective as well as community-based activities to help explore special needs in your local environment. Finally, the program is affordable and the fully online format is accessible from anywhere – a bonus for busy professionals.

Prospective students in the program might include the following categories:

- Undergraduate students (as early as your junior year) enrolled in programs within the College of Education and related fields including Adaptive Physical Education, Communication Disorders, Rehabilitative Counseling/Rehabilitation Services and Social Work (please visit website for a complete list). If you fall into this category, you may apply credits received towards a master’s degree in Special Education or Early Intervention Studies or, together with relevant undergraduate coursework, become an Early Intervention Specialist after the requisite employment and credentialing.
- Graduate students: You might use this as a standalone certificate to supplement a degree in Special or Early Childhood Education.
- Early Intervention Specialists (EIS): You could enroll in this program to receive Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits to maintain credentials.

Connect with Your Purpose

With a Graduate Certificate in Early Intervention Studies, you will have direct engagement with children who have disabilities and their families and/or collaboration with other early intervention professionals. As a graduate of this program, you will be able to work in a variety of capacities, such as

- serving children and families directly
- organizing services for children and families
- providing information to professionals who work with children and families
- providing goods and services to children and families in community-based organizations

Note: Students should note that the program is not intended to lead to professional licensure in their state.

Ready to connect or have questions? Call 1-800-684-UTEP to speak with an enrollment counselor today or visit us at utepconnect.utep.edu
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Admissions Requirements
To qualify for admission into this program, you must have:

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited university
- Have an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or greater (preferred)

You must also:

- Complete and submit a graduate admissions application
- Submit official transcripts in accordance with the requirements of the Graduate School
- Provide a statement of purpose, three letters of recommendation and your resume/curriculum vitae

International students whose first language is not English must also submit:

- Official TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of at least 213 on the online version, or 550 on the paper-based version

Curriculum*

Core Coursework
- SPED 5351 Current topics in Early Intervention (B-8) for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Young Children and Families
- SPED 5352 Behavior Intervention for Young Children (B-8)
- SPED 5353 Early Intervention Strategies for Special Populations: B-8
- SPED 5354 Atypical Childhood Development (B-8)
- SPED 5355 Research and Application for Early Intervention: B-8 Capstone

Total Credits: 15
Note: Curriculum is subject to change.