Transition for Students with Disabilities
Graduate Certificate

School of Education

Features of this Graduate Certificate
This certificate provides students with increased knowledge and awareness of state-of-the-art transition planning, as well as experience with specific strategies related to transition assessment, instruction, and community/business collaboration. Those who complete the Transition for Students with Disabilities Certificate program will be able to critically examine and implement effective transition planning while ensuring students are accessing the general education curriculum; effectively collaborate with business and general community to access work and post-secondary experiences for students with disabilities; implement customized job development strategies to meet the needs of students and the business; identify and collaborate with various community based organizations; learn strategies to develop self-determination and self-advocacy skills for students with disabilities; and understand cultural and ethnic diversity issues related to transition planning.

Certificate Requirements
The certificate requires a minimum of 15 credits. Students take five required courses and then, in consultation with the Program Coordinator, they may choose to take an optional 3 credit course in Business Management for more in-depth knowledge in working with the business community.

Graduate Certificate Courses
Required Core Courses
EXCEDUC 679 Critical Issues in Transition Planning (3 cr., U/G)
EXCEDUC 705 Transition Assessment and Planning (3 cr., G)
EXCEDUC 703 Job Development and On the Job Support (3 cr., G)
EXCEDUC 707 Linking Academic Instruction to Transition Planning (3 cr., G)

Elective Courses
ADLDSP 598 Introduction to Workforce Education and Development (3 cr. U/G)
BUSMGMT 715 Leadership, Team Building, and Effective Management (3 cr. G)
BUSMGMT 708 Marketing Strategy: Concepts and Practice (3 CR. G)

These courses are aligned with the DCDT—Division on Care Development & Transition, Transition Specialist Completeness (http://community.cec.sped.org/dcdt/home)

Admission
Applicants must have completed a bachelor’s degree prior to admission, with a minimum 2.75 cumulative undergraduate grade point average. Applicants with a graduate degree must have a minimum 3.0 graduate grade point average. No more than 6 credits of the certificate can be counted towards a degree.

Application
All graduate certificate applicants—even those enrolled in a UWM graduate program—must apply to the Graduate School at apply.wisconsin.edu.

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