

DISABILITY RIGHTS AND SERVICES, CERTIFICATE

A primary mission of the Department of Rehabilitation Psychology and Special Education is to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities. The Disability Rights and Services certificate provides undergraduates across the broader campus with knowledge, skills, and dispositions to contribute to the department's mission. Students completing the certificate will become advocates for equity and inclusion of individuals with disabilities within their own major programs of study and future careers.

Two required courses, RP & SE 100 Disability and Society and RP & SE 300 Individuals with Disabilities, address broad themes of disability, equity, and diversity that can be applied to a variety of other disciplines and majors. The certificate also allows students to individualize the certificate by selecting six credits of elective courses from among an array of options. These choice courses relate to education, health, social sciences, psychology, and sociology. In this way students can make the certificate more complementary to their major program of study.

HOW TO GET IN

Students intending to complete the Disability Rights and Services Certificate will find the declaration form on the School of Education's Certificate Programs (<https://education.wisc.edu/academics/certificates/>) page. The declaration for this certificate program can be submitted at any time during the calendar year.

Please note, students completing a major in Rehabilitation Psychology, Special Education or Elementary Ed-Special Education are not eligible to complete this certificate.

REQUIREMENTS

Complete a minimum of 12 credits to include at least 6 credits in residence. Completion of the certificate requires a minimum GPA of 2.5 in certificate coursework.

Code	Title	Credits
<i>Required courses, 6 credits</i>		
RP & SE 100	Disability and Society	3
RP & SE 300	Individuals with Disabilities	3
<i>Specialization courses, 6 credits</i>		
RP & SE 121	Disability and Substance Abuse	
RP & SE 125	Health and Rehabilitation Professions	
RP & SE 310	Positive Psychology and Well Being	
RP & SE 330	Behavior Analysis: Applications to Persons with Disabilities	
RP & SE 401	Augmentative and Alternative Communication and Assistive Technology for Students with Disabilities	

RP & SE 402	Methods in Teaching Functional Skills
RP & SE 405	Current Topics in Special Education
RP & SE 466	Diversity in Special Education
RP & SE 500	Rehabilitation-Counseling Psychology: Foundations
RP & SE 505	Biological, Psychosocial, and Vocational Aspects of Disabilities

CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENT

This undergraduate certificate must be completed concurrently with the student's undergraduate degree. Students cannot delay degree completion to complete the certificate.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Identify and analyze societal barriers and supports that affect the lives of people with disabilities.
2. Explore the societal aspects of disabilities, including the culture of disabilities, attitudes toward persons with disabilities, and quality of life issues.
3. Evaluate current approaches, advocacy efforts, and proposed solutions for overcoming barriers experienced by people with disabilities.
4. Use disability as a lens through which to examine broader aspects of history and culture, including power, discrimination, social stigma, social and political activism, media representations, re-appropriation, identity, intersectionality, education, work, and design.