



SUNY NIAGARA
Direct Support & Rehabilitation Studies, Cert.

Overview

Through classroom study and field experiences, students will learn about the nature and treatment of disabilities. Coursework includes introductory skills in counseling, case management and administering programs in the helping profession. Internships will be experienced in group homes, sheltered work-shops, nursing homes, hospitals, schools, shelters, clinics and rehabilitation centers. Students will develop personal skills needed in the helping role.

Careers

Careers related to your program of study:

- Direct Support Professional
- Recreation Specialist
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Residential Manager
- Service Coordinator
- Social Skills Trainer
- Social Worker
- Supportive Employment Specialist

Some careers may require more specialized education.

Tracks

1. Aging & the Elderly
2. Child & Adolescence
3. Disability Awareness
4. Health Services

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Visit full catalog for specific course offerings for each semester:

<https://sunyniagara.edu/courses/direct-support-rehabilitation-studies-certificate/>
<https://tinyurl.com/2m4dyr3t>

Program Requirements

First Semester	Credits
HUS 101 - Introduction Human Services	3
HUS 102 - Human Services Internship I OR	
COE 198 – Experiential Cooperative Education I	3
HUS 123 - The Helping Process	3
HUS 140 – Direct Support Professional Level I	
Cert Prep	3
___ ___ - Track Course 1	3
Total Credit Hours:	15 Cr.

Second Semester	Credits
HUS 103 - Human Services Internship II OR	
COE 199 - Experiential Co-op II	3
SLA 101 - American Sign Language I OR	
___ ___ - Social Science Elective AND	3
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___ ___ - Health/Physical Education Elective	2
___ ___ - Track Course 2	3
Total Credit Hours:	17 Cr.

TRACKS:

Disability Awareness Track:

EDU/HUS 120 - Disabilities: Birth to Adolescence
HUS 122 - Disabilities and Aging

OR

Child & Adolescence Track:

EDU/HUS 120 - Disabilities: Birth to Adolescence
ECE 208 - Early Childhood Education: Ages 3-6 Years

OR

Aging & the Elderly Track:

HUS 122 - Disabilities & Aging
HUS 213 - Loss, Grief & Coping

OR

Health Services Track:

HED 205 or BIO 117/L or BIO 109/L or BIO 213/L
MED 134 – Medical Terminology

The information provided is subject to change throughout the academic year. 3/10/2026