

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Certificate of Achievement in Mental Health Services prepares students for careers as Direct Support Specialists to provide direct support services to persons with cognitive, developmental and/or mental disorders in human services. This human services field requires knowledge and skills competency in mental health and/or developmental services, ethical judgment, the ability to teach life skills, provide physical assistance, and to support self-sufficiency, empowerment, and self-direction in persons and families receiving services. Direct Support Specialists (DSSs) are found in many different residential and rehabilitation settings with various job titles, such as Mental Health Technician, Developmental Support Technician, Residential Counselor, Rehabilitation Specialist, Employment Specialist, or Job Coach. Job growth in this profession is estimated to be above average in the future.

This Certificate of Achievement meets the need for students to access high quality training and the development of advanced skills in this human services profession. The courses are competency based and provide the opportunity for development of on the job skills. The Certificate contains all courses required in Nevada for the certification of Mental Health Technicians and Developmental Support Technicians. Students seeking certification should obtain advising on current certification requirements. All courses in this Certificate can be applied toward the Associate of Applied Science in Mental Health Services.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES – Graduates of this program will have the opportunity to:

- Qualify or obtain employment in direct support services for persons with mental and/or intellectual disabilities.
- Successfully demonstrate the knowledge and skills required of direct support services to persons with mental and/or intellectual disabilities.
- Apply the knowledge, skills, judgment and ethical standards of direct support services to persons with mental and/or intellectual disabilities in an applied human services setting.
- Meet the Nevada educational requirements to qualify for certification as a Mental Health Technician and/or Developmental Support Technician.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (3 Credits):

	CR	SEMESTER
COMMUNICATIONS:	3-5	_____
BUS 108, COM 101, 102, 215, ENG 100, 101, 102, 107, 113, 114, 205, JOUR 102, THTR 105		

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SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (27 Credits):

	CR	SEMESTER
MHDD 101 Role of the Technician	1	_____
MHDD 105 Conflict Prevention and Response Training	2	_____
MHDD 107 Medication Fundamentals	2	_____
MHDD 109 Introduction to Therapeutic Interventions	2	_____
MHDD 127 Positive Behavior Supports	2	_____
MHDD 153 Life Span Development	1	_____
MHDD 154 Advanced Therapeutic Interventions	2	_____
MHDD 299 Capstone Project	3	_____
PSY 101 General Psychology	3	_____
PSY 241 Introduction to Abnormal Psychology	3	_____

Plus 6 credits from the following:		
MHDD 102 Medical Component	1	_____
MHDD 103 Psychopathology and Developmental Disabilities	1	_____
MHDD 106 Teaching and Active Treatment	1	_____
MHDD 110 Introduction to Disability Services	3	_____
MHDD 126 Understanding Developmental Disabilities	2	_____
MHDD 130 Teaching Life Skills	3	_____
MHDD 150 Issues in Substance Abuse	1	_____
MHDD 152 Allied Therapies	1	_____
MHDD 160 Understanding Mental Illness	2	_____
MHDD 210 Autism Spectrum of Disorders	3	_____
MHDD 291B Fieldwork Experience	3	_____
MHDD 295 Practicum	3	_____

Computation included in MHDD 107, 109, 127

Human Relations included in MHDD 101, 109, 127, 153, 154, PSY 101

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Total Credits

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Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.