



Florida's Virtual ESE Online Distance Learning Program

Infant Toddler Developmental Specialist

Individuals wishing to pursue courses leading towards the ITDS Certificate will have the opportunity to do so through the Virtual ESE Online Program, in collaboration with the Florida Department of Health, Children's Medical Services, Bureau of Early Steps. Each semester two ITDS courses will be offered. All courses are online and facilitated by an instructor who will direct all course learning activities and communications. Information is detailed below on course offerings, registration deadlines and courses start dates.

ITDS COURSE OFFERINGS

FALL 2010

Parent-Teacher Team and Agencies for Pre-K Disabilities-(Collaboration with Families, Schools, and the Community)

Course Description: Parent-teacher team interaction for handicapped and at-risk infants, toddlers and preschoolers to age five. Agencies with services for birth to five years of age will be included. (3 credits / 16 weeks)

Course Instructor: Dr. Craig Jones

Course Start and End Dates: 8/24/2010 -12/04/2010

Textbook Information:

- *Required Text:* Berger, E. H. (2004). Parents as Partners in Education; Families and Schools Working Together. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson, Merrill Prentice Hall.

Assessment and Early Intervention for Pre-K Disabilities

Course Description: This course investigates assessment tools used in early intervention and early childhood special education. It explores the strategies and procedures used for screening, diagnosis and program planning.(3 credits / 16 weeks)

Course Instructor: Dr. Craig Jones

Course Start and End Dates: 8/24/2010 - -12/04/2010

Textbook Information:

- *Required Text:* McLean, M., Wolery, M., & Bailey, D. (2004). *Assessing infants and preschoolers with special needs* (3rd ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Registration Deadline	Course Start Date
Tuesday, August 17, 2010	Tuesday, August 24, 2010



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The deadline for registration is August 17, 2010.

If you are a new student, please allow at least two weeks lead time to complete the admission process. Do not wait until the registration deadline to be admitted, there will not be time to process your application.

Registration: If you would like to register for the **Infant Toddler Developmental Specialist Certificate (ITDS) courses** listed above, please contact your Local Early Steps program for approval. See the following link for a list of Local Early Steps contacts:

<http://www.cms-kids.com/home/contact/earlysteps.pdf>

***Note:** To participate in this program, participants must be a Florida resident, and must have a Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university in early childhood education or early childhood/special education, child and family development, family life specialist, communication sciences, psychology or social work.

There are only 20 slots per course, per semester available to eligible students; enrollment is on a "first come, first serve" basis. Your Local Early Steps will designate the University where you should enroll and register. After the August 17th registration deadline, **enrollment and tuition support will be confirmed by your receipt of a "Welcome" email.**

Financial Assistance: The Florida Department of Health, Children's Medical Services, Bureau of Early Steps provides tuition support for students taking the ITDS coursework offered through the Virtual ESE Online Distance Learning Program. Students must agree to work as an Infant Toddler Developmental Specialist (ITDS) for a period of one year for every semester in which tuition assistance is received and and will be required to earn a grade of 'B', or better, in courses where tuition assistance was received.