

# East Carolina University Graduate Certificate in Deaf-blind Studies

## New Cohort Starting January 2022!

The ECU Graduate Certificate in Deaf-blind Studies is an *on-line, cohort-based* program that is based on nationally recognized competencies and the Council for Exceptional Children Standards on Deaf-blindness. Educators, family members, and other professionals with undergraduate degrees, who work with learners with deaf-blindness will benefit from this certificate. You will learn from a diverse group of national and international leaders in this field who are dedicated to providing the instruction, challenge, and support necessary for your success!

For more information (including *special non-NC resident tuition options*), contact:

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When you complete your studies, you will be able to:

- Understand the unique impact of deaf-blindness on development and learning
- Assess the strengths and needs of learners with deaf-blindness
- Work collaboratively with families, related service specialists, educators, and other specialists
- Design and implement empirically valid, effective educational programs and services
- Train, supervise, and mentor deaf-blind interveners and other paraprofessionals
- Serve as an effective educator, school leader, advocate, and professional development resource

**How do I apply?** By December 15, 2021, apply to the ECU Graduate School (by submitting official transcripts) at: <https://gradschool.ecu.edu/apply-now/certificates/>. Non-North Carolina residents should apply using the “For non-NC Residents” tab to qualify for special out-of-state tuition rates.

**How long does the program last?** The first course begins January 2022 and the last course ends December 2022. Information on the five courses may be found at: <https://education.ecu.edu/sefr/special-education/certificate-in-deafblindness/>

*“My experiences were amazing! As a returning student, I was intimidated by the online component but my professors were very supportive and tools were easy to use. Coursework was meaningful and made me not only a better teacher, but a better teacher leader of deaf-blind learners.”*

*“The DB Certificate brings light to research-based interventions and strategies that can be used in a variety of educational settings. It opened my eyes to the positive impact interventions can have when used correctly. It helped me to see you can “teach” or you can TEACH with strategies.”*

