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To request admission to the Disability Studies
Graduate Certificate program,
applicants should submit:

- 1 A completed application form.
To request an application write/call/visit:
Disability Studies Program
Institute on Disabilities
Student Center / Room 411S
1755 N 13th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19122-6024
215.204.1356 Voice/TTY
- or
- 2 Download application form:
<http://isc.temple.edu/neighbor/ds/application.pdf>
<http://isc.temple.edu/neighbor/ds/application.rtf>
- 3 An official transcript of all previous college work. Applicants should have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution, with an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4 point scale.)
- 4 Two letters of recommendation from persons in a position to evaluate the academic ability and accomplishments of the applicant.
- 5 A personal statement indicating interests, plans and objectives within the field of Disability Studies.

Contact Coordinator of Disability Studies to combine certificate with a Temple University masters or doctoral program.

For information:
disstud@temple.edu
215.204.1356 TTY/VOICE

<http://disabilities.temple.edu/programs/ds>

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Temple University will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified students with a disability. Brochure available in alternate formats upon request.

Graduate Certificate Program

Disability Studies



54 million Americans live with disability, constituting one of the largest minority groups in the country, with a culture, history, and civil rights movement worth studying.



Institute on Disabilities
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY®

College of Education

Disability Studies

As an emerging academic field of study growing out of the disability rights movement of the 1970s, Disability Studies explores the social changes that impact the lives of people with disabilities. Like the women's movement of a decade earlier, and the desegregation movement before that, people with disabilities are advocating for change to ensure equality and social justice for all.

Why choose the Graduate Certificate Program in Disability Studies?

Join a growing number of scholars shaping society's view of disability.

A value-added 12 credit concentration for students in a variety of academic disciplines from health-related professions to communications, political science, architecture, bioengineering, law and education.

An interdisciplinary program taught by Disability Studies scholars.

The Disability Studies Certificate courses provide students from many disciplines with a different perspective about disability— shifting the view of disability from a medical model of impairment to a social-cultural model of diversity. By linking the Disability Studies Certificate to a masters or doctoral program, students will be one step ahead in a highly competitive employment marketplace.

For example:

Architects - Be more aware of the purpose and strategies of accessible design.

Journalists - Seek out topical stories and cover them with greater insight.

Human Resources Professionals - Be knowledgeable about workplace accommodations— both law and management practices.

Web/Graphic Designers - Welcome a wider audience by incorporating accessibility features in publications and providing alternate formats.

Engineers - Open up or build upon transportation and communication avenues to move toward universal efficiency and safety.

Teachers - Develop a better understanding of all students and create more dynamic curricula for the inclusive classroom.

Hospitality Professionals - Open your doors to a potentially large group of clients with a growing economic base.

Sociologists - Expand your understanding of human diversity.

Urban Studies - Understand how race, socioeconomics and disability interact.

Public Policy - Learn more about disparities in access based on disability as it intersects with gender and race.



AREAS OF STUDY

Program includes the social history of disability and ableism; disability and health; ecological aspects of disablement; universal design; disability social policy; constituency-oriented research; disability rights and culture.

- Students may take courses as continuing education, or in combination with one of Temple University's masters or PhD programs.

- 12 semester hours of course work

COURSES OFFERED

DIS STUD 5401-
Disability Rights and Culture

DIS STUD 5402-
Action Modes of Research

DIS STUD 5403-
Disability and Social Policy

DIS STUD 5404-
Health and Wellness for
Persons with Disabilities

DIS STUD 5405-
Disability Studies in the Humanities

DIS STUD 9489-
Field Work in Disability Studies

ELECTIVE COURSES

Offered by the Disability Studies Program cooperating departments