

**Transition Special Education Distance Education Certificate Program  
George Washington University**

“I came to realize that all of us have the capacity to be change agents in our particular work environments and even in the larger community once the skills and the process are demystified. So now I don’t need to be a wallflower wistfully admiring the ones with the courage and confidence out there on the dance floor movin’ and shakin’...I can get out there and make the party better with what I’ve learned.” Graduate Testimonial

We are inviting candidates to apply for the Spring ’14 cohort for our 12-credit Transition Special Education Certificate Program. Students who have enrolled in this program will be given priority when being considered for admission to the Master’s program and all credits earned will be easily transferred.

Through this program, students will acquire the knowledge and skills required to perform the roles and functions of transition specialists through assessment, interdisciplinary planning, collaboration, and implementation of services for individuals with disabilities. The program encourages student involvement in research, scholarship, publishing, and leadership activities as supplements to the program of study. The program responds to the ongoing needs expressed by educators and rehabilitation personnel, research concerning youth with disabilities, and legislative requirements to provide transition services for all youth with disabilities.

The certificate includes four online courses taught by dynamic instructors, recognized as leaders in the field of secondary transition. Another graduate shared this comment about the experience:

"While initially hesitant about an online course, I quickly found huge benefits in this program. Specifically, interacting and exchanging ideas with individuals from across the state as well as individuals from other parts of the country expanded my knowledge of various aspects of transition and methodology that are in place elsewhere. The brainstorming and sharing of ideas with others, who have various interests, experiences, and skills, was well worth the investment of time and money in this program!"

Candidates who want to enroll in the Certificate Program for the summer semester should complete and submit the application and supporting documents by December 1st. This will allow sufficient time for their application to be reviewed and a decision rendered.

**For further information about the certificate and the application process or should you have additional questions, please contact Dr. Michael Ward, Program Coordinator, at [mjward@gwu.edu](mailto:mjward@gwu.edu).**