

Intervener Options for Certification or Credentialing

There are several options available for training to be a deaf-blind intervener. Options for credentialing require participants to enroll and complete college coursework followed by completion of an e-portfolio. Options for certification require that participants complete an intervener training program (in-state or out-of-state). During and upon completion of intervener training, participants complete an e-portfolio utilizing a mentor that is assigned through their state deaf-blind project.

Program	Certification	Credentialed	Steps	Time Required of Intervener Candidate	Cost
<p>Colorado Services for Children and Youth with Combined Vision and Hearing Loss Project (aka Colorado Deaf-Blind Project)-<i>Intervener Project</i> https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/sd-db_projectinfo email: Jessica Meisel: Meisel_J@cde.state.co.us Gina Herrera: Herrera_G@cde.state.co.us</p>	<p>Yes Intervener candidates have the choice to complete e-portfolio to receive National Intervener Certification from Para² Center at University of Colorado-Denver</p>	<p>No</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact Colorado DB Project. Assigned to mentor. 2. Complete CO Intervener Training using The National Center on Deaf-Blindness' (NCDB) Open Hands Open Access (OHOA) Learning Modules. 3. Meet with mentor. 4. Complete two (2) National Intervener Certification E-portfolio learning modules. 5. Sign up for VENTURE, build intervener e-portfolio based on CEC Intervener competencies. 6. Submit e-portfolio to Para² Center for review and certification. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 OHOA modules over two semesters. approx. 2.5 hours per week. • 6 hours NCDB required mentor feedback/support. Group learning available. • Candidates have 12 months to finish E-portfolio for certification upon registering. Building an e-portfolio takes approximately 3-6 months. • Program begins in January and ends in November. • Depending on need, an August start date will be offered, ending in May. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free • \$75 for VENTURE registration (<i>paid by the participant or district</i>)

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<p>San Francisco State University (SFSU) and California Deafblind Services (CDBS)-Intervener Training Program: Deafblind Education http://www.cadbs.org/sfsu-cdbs-intervener-training-program/</p>	<p>No CA Intervener Certificate of Completion. 9 CE credits.</p>	<p>No</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Register online SFSU. 2. Complete SFSU Intervener Training using The National Center on Deaf-Blindness' Open Hands Open Access Learning Modules. 3. 3 Synchronous group meetings. 4. Pass/Fail course. 5. Certificate of Completion. <p><i>Candidates encouraged to complete e-portfolio (NICE) to receive national certification from Para² Center.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 OHOA modules over two (2) semesters, approx. 2.5 hours per week. • Program begins in August and ends in May. • 3 hours- virtual group meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$480 • \$75 for VENTURE registration (<i>Paid by the participant or district</i>)

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Utah State University (Available online) https://www.usu.edu/online/degrees/certificate/deafblind-intervener-training-certificate/	No	Yes University awards a certificate of completion of the program and intervener can then apply for the National Intervener Credential.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Register/Contact USU 2. Complete twelve (12) credit hour classes including practicum. 3. Completion of three (3) minimum visits in educational setting from coach. 4. Complete 10-15 min video demonstrating knowledge/skills. 5. Complete/Submit portfolio to National Resource Center for Paraeducators (NRCP). 6. Receive national credential. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 hours coursework (Three 4-credit hour classes) • Minimum of 100 hours contact time with student with DB. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx. \$5600 for Option 1 (Out-of-state tuition: \$471 per credit.) • Option 2: CEUs instead of credits at \$750 per course. • NRCP application fee: \$100 (Paid by the participant or district)

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Central Michigan University (with Washington Sensory Disabilities Services) Online program https://lf.globalapp.cmich.edu/degreeConc/UCERT/DBI	No	Yes University awards a certificate of completion of the program and intervener can then apply for the National Intervener Credential.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Register/Contact CMU 2. Complete twelve (12) credit hour classes including practicum. 3. Completion of three (3) minimum visits in educational setting from coach. 4. Complete 10-15 min video demonstrating knowledge/skills. 5. Complete/Submit portfolio to NRCP. 6. Receive national credential. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 hours coursework (Three 4-credit hour classes) • Minimum of 100 hours contact time with student with DB. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50 CMU enrollment fee • Approx. \$5000 for courses • NRCP application fee: \$100 <i>(Paid by the participant or district)</i>
Shawnee State University (Ohio) https://www.shawnee.edu/intervener-technical-certificate#how-to-apply	No Shawnee State issued Intervener Certificate	No	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apply to SSU intervener program 2. Complete 30 credit hours, including practicum. 3. Receive certificate from college. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 credit hours (2 semesters at 15 credit hours each) • Includes 2-credit hour face-to-face practicum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • application fee: \$50 • Approx. \$8500 for 30 credit hours <i>(Paid by the participant or district)</i>

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From The National Intervener Association (NIA) <https://intervener.org/interveners/national-credential/>

- “REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN INTERVENER CREDENTIAL:
- A minimum of eight (8) university/community college credit hours of coursework from an approved Intervener Training Program based on the CED Intervener Competencies (79 knowledge and skill competencies)
- A 2 – 4 credit hour practicum course under the supervision of the course instructor and the guidance of a trained Intervener Coach
- A completed Intervener Portfolio based on the CEC Intervener Competencies which provides documentation that the intervener has acquired the knowledge and skills needed to be an effective intervener
- Once the intervener has fulfilled the practicum requirements, the completed portfolio and other documentation is submitted to the [National Resource Center for Paraeducators](#)
- Following their review process, if all the requirements are met, the Intervener is notified that he or she is eligible to receive the National Intervener Credential
- The Intervener then submits an application along with a \$100 processing fee and is awarded the credential
- The National Intervener Credential is good for 5 years”

From: National Resource Center for Paraeducators (NRCPC) <https://nrcpara.org/intervener/>

- “The requirements for obtaining the National Intervener Credential include:
- A minimum of 10 hours of credited coursework from an Institution of Higher Education (university or college). This coursework must include a supervised practicum experience.
- A practicum experience (minimum of two (2) credit hours) under the supervision of the course instructor and the guidance of a trained Intervener Coach. This practicum includes a minimum of 100 hours of contact time with an individual who is deaf/blind and a minimum of three coaching sessions.
- A completed Intervener Portfolio, based on the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) National Intervener Competencies, provides specific documentation showing the intervener has acquired the knowledge and skills needed to be an effective intervener.”

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