



INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS AND STUDENTS IN THE DIRECT SUPPORT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM FOR SUMMER 2013 CLASS SESSION THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THIS SPECIAL PROGRAM AND YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED.

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APPLICATION TO THE DIRECT SUPPORT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Applicants to the Direct Support Certificate Program must complete the Department of Developmental Disabilities / Massachusetts Community Colleges Executive Office – Application Form: Northern Essex Community College. Individuals who are interested in the program may contact Mary Di Giovanni, if they do not have an application form from their agency. Forms are available from the provider employer, Director of Human Resources.

COURSE INFORMATION

The Summer Course for the DDS Direct Support Certificate Program is **HUS 150 Topics in Mental Health/Mental Retardation** A 1-semester course; 3 credit hours. This course is designed to develop the skills and knowledge needed by human service practitioners to support individuals with major disabilities caused by mental illness, learning disorders, and intellectual disabilities. Topics include teaching strategies, assessment and planning, therapeutic interactions and the rights of the individual to self determination. The National Community Support Skill Standards are also integrated into the course. 3 class hours per week.

The course begins on Thursday May 16, 2013 and ends on Thursday August 8, 2013. It meets once a week on Thursdays from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Class is on the Haverhill Campus, Spurk Building C, Room C 109 First Floor. Text: A text is provided for the course. No purchase necessary.

COURSE REGISTRATION

All students must be registered for the summer course. Applicants to the program and course need to complete the course registration form to be obtained from Mary Di Giovanni and returned to Mary Di Giovanni with the payment. Payments for the course will also be taken on the first day of class.

Payment: Make the check out to Northern Essex Community College or NECC. The fee of \$50.00 for this course may be paid prior to the first class or the day of class on May 16, 2013. Note: **Take advantage of this special program that has been created for you NOW. A Massachusetts resident /student who is not in this program pays \$162.00 per credit, plus other colleges fees.**