

**University of Colorado ACCORDS Dissemination and Implementation Graduate Certificate Program  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**COURSES**

- **What courses are offered as part of the ACCORDS D&I Certificate program?**
  - There are three required core courses:
    - Introduction to D&I Research in Health (3 credit hours);
    - Designs and Mixed Methods in Implementation Research (2 credit hours);
    - Designing for Dissemination and Sustainability (2 credit hours)
  - Students can choose from several other electives to complete the certificate – please consult the “Degree Requirements” section of our [website](#) for further details.
  
- **How many hours are required for this D&I Certificate?**
  - A total of 12 credit hours of courses are required for completion. These will typically be completed over 2 calendar years but can be stretched to 3 calendar years as needed.
  
- **Is it possible to take a course or two in this D&I Certificate program without applying to join the program?**
  - Yes, if there is space available in addition to the current D&I Certificate students, you may. First you must contact [galit.mankin@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:galit.mankin@cuanschutz.edu) to reserve a spot on the waitlist.
  
- **What if I start the certificate program and then decide to pursue a graduate degree at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical campus - will the course credits be transferable?**
  - Yes, it is possible to transfer course credit hours completed as part of the Certificate to a graduate degree program. However, the number of course credits transferable will be dependent on the graduate course requirements of your selected graduate degree program. Credits completed as part of the D&I Certificate program will likely be applied as your elective credit hours. It is extremely important that you work with the graduate program of interest to understand how many credit hours could be transferable.
  - Students that decide to enroll in a Master’s or PhD program after the certificate program starts will have to formally apply for that program separately.
  
- **What if I have already taken a course that is part of this Certificate - will it count towards the Certificate or do I need to take the course again?**
  - If you took the Certificate course in the past 5 years, you do not need to retake a course. Whether it can count for the total 12 hours will need to be decided on a case-by-case basis, as there are contextual factors that influence the decision of whether it was taken as part of a prior degree and whether you are currently pursuing a degree beyond this D&I Graduate Certificate. Contact [Galit.Mankin@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:Galit.Mankin@cuanschutz.edu) at the time of enrolling in a course of this type, in order to determine next steps.

**COSTS**

- **Is there any cost to apply for the Certificate program?**
  - There is a one-time application fee of \$50 for domestic students and \$75 for international students.

- **What are the tuition costs for the Certificate courses?**
  - Tuition costs can change year to year. Be sure to look at the [University Website](#) for updated information. For 2019-2020, a Colorado resident pays \$494/credit hour and a non-resident pays \$1,204/credit hour.
- **Can I apply for Financial Aid to complete this Certificate?**
  - The D&I certificate program does not qualify for federal financial aid. Therefore, you will not be able to apply for it. For more information in this matter, please contact the [Financial Aid & Scholarship Office](#). Any questions related to tuition classification should be address to the [Office of Registrar](#).
- **What if I am a University of Colorado – Anschutz Medical Campus employee who is eligible for a tuition waiver, can I use it for the Certificate program?**
  - If you are a current University of Colorado – Anschutz Medical Campus employee you may be eligible for a [tuition assistance program](#). Typically, if you are using the tuition waiver you cannot enroll prior to the first day of classes; however please email [amanda.g.whiting@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:amanda.g.whiting@cuanschutz.edu) to request a permission number so that we have an idea of the number of students taking the given course.

#### PREVIOUS D&I TRAININGS

- **What if I have taken a D&I training already (e.g., TIDRH, MT-DIRC, IRI), do I still need to take the required Introduction to D&I course?**
  - Yes, existing D&I training programs are excellent and our faculty is very familiar with them; however, they are not graduate courses. Thus, we believe that there is no current substitute for our Introduction to D&I graduate-level course. Furthermore, we have experience tailoring this course to the experience level of each student allowing for a meaningful experience for those already exposed to D&I prior to the course.

#### ADMISSIONS

- **What is required for admission to the certificate program?**
  - To be able to apply to the D&I Certificate program you must have a Bachelor’s degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (recommended).
  - There is an application form to be filled out (see below) and we request unofficial transcripts (official from universities outside the US) and a current CV or resume. The transcript must include a [transcript legend](#). There are also three brief questions about your interest in the D&I training (≤200 words per question).
- **What are the program questions that I need to answer?**
  - The following questions should be answered in less than 200 words each.
    1. What makes you interested in seeking specialized training in D&I Science?
    2. What do you hope to gain professionally from the certificate program?
- **Do I need to complete and submit a Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score to get into program?**
  - No, a GRE is not required for entry into this program.
- **How do I apply?**

- Information about how to apply to the program is located on the Admission section of our [website](#).
- **Are there additional requirements or factors to consider as an International Applicant?**
  - In addition to the general admission requirements listed above, international applicants may need to meet additional requirements dictated by the University, including completion of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam. For applicants from Canada, obtaining a satisfactory score on the TOEFL exam is not required for graduates of provinces outside of Quebec. Waivers of the need to complete the TOEFL exam may be obtained with appropriate justification. For additional information about these requirements, please review the [International Student Requirements for Graduate School admissions](#)
  - In addition, we currently do not have any research or teaching assistantships to **support the educational costs of international students**.
  - As this Graduate Certificate is fully online and thus available from any geographic location, acceptance into this program will not serve as appropriate justification for international students to apply for a student visa to relocate to the United States solely for the purposes of this program of study.