Orthopedic Impairment Added Authorization (OIAA) Program Components

The program consists of four courses which span the length of the school year. Each course contains weekly readings and activities, on-line discussion questions and fieldwork.

The OIAA program includes 120 hours of classroom contact (via on-line discussions and assignments) and 60 hours of fieldwork.

- Courses One and Four each require 10 hours of fieldwork and 20 hours of classroom contact.
- Course Two and Three each require 20 hours of fieldwork and 40 hours of classroom contact.

Program Content

Course One – Characteristics of Students with Orthopedic Impairments

- Offers a broad overview of the characteristics and psychosocial implications for students with physical disabilities birth to age 22.
- The course prepares candidates to address functional limitations of movement and/or sensation, health impairments, and mild/severe intellectual impairments.
- Candidates explore the domains of cognitive communication.
- Fine/gross motor, social/emotional, self-care as they relate to the provision of service to students with OI.
- The impact of OI for students in settings such as school, home and community will be explored.

Course Two – Assessment, Communication, Educational Access, and Adaptations for Students with Orthopedic Impairments

- Provides information regarding appropriate assessment practices to drive program decisions for delivery of specialized services in the LRE.
- Candidates identify and support essential skills, accommodations and modifications needed for students with OI to be successful in a variety of instructional settings.
- Candidates develop skills to implement appropriate assistive technology support for students with OI.
Course Three – Specialized Health Care and Supports for Student with Orthopedic Impairments

- Candidates learn to implement specialized health care methodologies, regulations, and technological procedures based on student IHCP’s to support a safe environment for students with OI.
- Consistent and safe use of universal precautions, specialized equipment, mobility devices and sensory accommodations will be a focus of the course.
- Candidates learn the knowledge to implement alternate forms of mobility, utilize safe lifting, positioning, and feeding techniques.
- The course provides knowledge regarding the storage and safe operation of medical equipment.

Course Four – Transition and Collaborating with Families and Other Service Providers for Students with Orthopedic Impairments

- Provides candidates with the knowledge and skills to effectively participate as a member of a collaborative team that serves a student with OI.
- Candidates learn the essential skills needed to support students as they transition into/from hospitals and rehabilitation facilities.
- The course provides the candidates with the knowledge necessary to effectively support students with OI through post-school placements/agencies and services through the appropriate development of an ITP.

Tuition

- The tuition cost for the Orthopedic Impairment Added Authorization Program is $3,500*
- Payment plans and financing may be available

Registration Includes:

- $500 non-refundable deposit**
- Registration form
- Copy/verification of current credential(s)

Textbooks

- The textbook list will be provided upon completion of registration for candidates to purchase their books. The cost of textbooks is not included in the program cost.

Participation

- Complete and submit all assignments and participate in discussion forms per program policies and procedures.
- Submit all fieldwork sign-off sheets - hours must be verified and signed by Fieldwork Support Supervisor.
- Submit assignments by stated deadlines.
- Receive an evaluation score of at least competent on all fieldwork assignments.

*Tuition cost is subject to change
**A minimum of six candidates is required to operate a program cohort... if less than six candidates register for a particular cohort, candidates will be refunded the deposit made and then notified when the next full cohort begins.