

# INFORMATION ACCESSIBILITY DESIGN & POLICY CERTIFICATE


**ONLINE**

Through the Information Accessibility Design and Policy (IADP) certificate program, website developers, information specialists, and disability service providers learn the principles of accessible information architecture and the information technology (IT) of universal design used in education, healthcare, and employment settings. Students will also learn the federal and state legal mandates governing information accessibility and the relationship of those mandates to the civil rights of people with disabilities, as well as technology accessibility standards, design techniques that enable adherence to those standards, and tools that support validation and evidence of compliance to those standards. The certificate program can be completed in one academic year.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:**

Website developers, programmers, UX designers, Instructional Designers, IT specialists, compliance officers, educators, and disability service providers

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicants must hold at least a bachelor's degree to be eligible to receive the professional certificate, or they can currently be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program from an accredited university. No tuition waivers are offered.

1. Complete the "Intent to Register" form on the Register page of the IADP website. (<https://iadp.ahs.illinois.edu/register/>)

2. The Program Director and faculty will review the form and determine eligibility for admission. Upon approval for admission, directions for registration will be provided.

**COST:**

\$510 per credit hour (\$1020 per course)

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR:**

10/21/2024 - 12/15/2024 - SHS 480  
01/21/2025 - 03/16/2025 - SHS 481  
03/17/2025 - 05/11/2025 - SHS 482

**LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:**

Fully online

**TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:**

Required textbooks may be ordered by mail, phone, or fax through the Illini Union Bookstore in Urbana-Champaign. Textbook purchases can be charged to MasterCard, VISA, Discover, or American Express.

**TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:**

All three courses must be completed to receive the certificate. No transfer credits are accepted.

**TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:**

6 hours (three courses)

**FINANCIAL AID:**

Off-campus online tuition rates are the same for both in-state and out of state students. Tuition rates for Academic year 2024-2025 are \$510 per credit hour (\$1020 per course)

**SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

A recipient of the UPCEA Leadership in Diversity Award, the IADP professional certificate program has also been approved by the International Association of Accessibility Professionals (IAAP) for CAEC Professional Development Credit.

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**REQUIRED COURSES:**

- SHS 480 - Understanding Disability and Assistive Technology
- SHS 481 - Creating and Procuring Accessible Electronic Materials
- SHS 482 - Designing Accessible Web Resources