MASTER OF ARTS (MA) IN DEVELOPMENTAL AND LEARNING DISABILITIES

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Overview
The MA in Developmental and Learning Disabilities prepares graduate students for work with preschool and school age children with developmental and/or learning difficulties. Offering an integrated curriculum of academic theory, skills development and practical experiences in the field of developmental disabilities, the program equips candidates from a variety of backgrounds with the specialist knowledge and skills required to provide children with meaningful and respectful educational and therapeutic experiences and to serve as positive agents of change in challenging environments.

The program trains students to become:

- Knowledgeable professionals who are able to apply evidenced-based strategies to assist children with developmental and learning disabilities;
- Skillful practitioners, as a result of the multiple opportunities to bridge theory and practice in course projects and fieldwork practice.

Student & Graduate Profile
The program is appropriate for graduates and practitioners from education, psychology, social work, behavioral sciences, and related professions. Graduates of the MA in Developmental and Learning Disabilities program can seek employment in the private or public sector as counselors. Theoretical and skills-based knowledge on assessment, intervention and remediation of LD/DD makes graduates competitive applicants for positions in academic preschool, school environments, organizations serving populations diagnosed with LD/DD or for independent work as private practitioners. Graduates of the program are also well prepared to pursue a higher academic degree in psychology.

Flexible Study & Course Duration
The program may be completed in one year (full-time) or up to three years (part-time). Classes run Mondays to Thursdays from 18:00-21:00. New students are admitted at the start of the fall and spring terms.

Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of this program, participants should be ready to engage in counseling practice. Specifically, they should be able to:

- Utilize a variety of functional assessment techniques;
- Use appropriate instructional material and methods when working with children with LD;
- Implement behavior management programs in a variety of settings;
- Communicate, consult and work effectively with family, colleagues and others involved with people with DD.

Program Structure
Students must successfully complete 10 graduate level courses, representing a total of 30 US credits.

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Career Services & Placement Opportunities
DEREE graduate psychology students benefit from the ALBA Graduate Business School career workshops and events as well as from the DEREE Office of Career Services, which has placed thousands of DEREE graduates since 1976. Graduates of the program can also opt for placement in internships within our network of collaborating organizations which includes schools, educational organizations, centers offering comprehensive services to children diagnosed with LD/DD, etc.

Tuition & Scholarships
DEREE – The American College of Greece aims to attract the highest quality graduate applicants regardless of their ability to finance their education. For this reason we offer scholarships covering a portion of the cost of tuition to all applicants who have demonstrated exceptional academic performance. A discount policy is also in effect for organizations and ACG alumni.

Admission to the Program
Applicants should be able to demonstrate:

- Competence to undertake graduate work: a College or University degree in any of the social or health sciences.
- Evidence of Proficiency in the English language: TOEFL, IELTS, Proficiency, or GCE
- Motivation or relevant experience to specialize in this area: for instance, work experience in education, counseling, sponsorship, relevant social/community/voluntary work etc.
- Suitability for counseling and therapeutic work with children: Evidence of personal maturity and resilience sufficient to cope with the emotional demands of counseling will be sought during the interview and from the reference letters.

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