



# Advocacy Certification Training

Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition (CCDC) and the University of Denver (DU) are excited to offer:

## Individual and Systems Advocacy - Training & Certification

### Spring 2018 Session

**FOCUS:** This training provides an excellent education for individuals interested in learning the basics of advocacy, community activists, or anyone looking for additional skills necessary to work in the field of disability services, advocacy, community organizing, the legislative process, or civil rights law.

**WHEN:** Tuesdays from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM from February 6, 2018 – April 10, 2018

The 10-week session consists of eight four-hour classes, a site visit to the State Capitol, and a wrap up and graduation day.

An online hybrid learning option combines self-directed learning and instructor lead webinars held on Wednesdays from 10 AM - 12:30 AM during the same time period listed above.

- Participate in a weekly webinar held online on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM.
- Complete the weekly learning modules any time during the same week as the scheduled in-person classes. You set your schedule.
- Participate in the Colorado Capitol site visit or complete an approved alternative

**WHERE:** In-Person classes are held at the University of Denver Campus.

Margery Reed Building, Room 119

Denver, Colorado 80210

The online course is managed using the Blackboard Learning Management System.

### **COVERED TOPICS:**

All subjects taught by practicing subject matter experts.

- The History of CCDC and our Advocacy Team
- Understanding Advocacy
- Ethics and Principles of Being an Advocate
- Understanding the Local, State, and Federal Benefit Systems
- Social Security (SSI and SSDI) Disability Eligibility, Application, and Determination
- Medicaid – Disability Eligibility & Determination
- Benefits: Due Process and a How to Appeal a Decision
- Legislative Advocacy
- Community and Grassroots Advocacy
- Understanding Reasonable Accommodations
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

### **Registration Information:**

To register for the next session, go [here](#) and complete the registration form. Registration closes on Friday, February 2, 2018. Class space is limited so please register early.

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## REGISTRATION FEE:

### Fee structure

- \$500 per applicant, \$250 for each additional applicant from the same organization

### Scholarship option:

- The fee for class can be waived in exchange for 120 hours of volunteer time with our CCDC Advocacy Team
- The application for the scholarship is included in the registration form.

## Continuing Education Units (CEU)\*

The University of Denver and Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition have teamed up to provide all enrolled students with the opportunity to earn 3 CEU for successful completion of the Basic Advocacy Training Class. This cooperation is a ground-breaking program and a national model for other partnership training programs.

### What is a CEU?

- CEU stands for Continuing Education Unit. A CEU is a unit of credit equal to ten hours of participation in an accredited program designed for professionals with certificates or licenses to practice various professions.
- Examples of people who need CEUs include engineers, lawyers, CPAs, educators, nurses, architects, mental health professionals, and social workers. CEU records are widely used to provide evidence of completion of continuing education requirements mandated by certification bodies, professional societies, or governmental licensing boards.
- To be able to make this offer, CCDC's advocacy training programs have shown they meet the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/ IACET standards established for accreditation in our field.

This accreditation program is a unique and valuable opportunity for any individual interested in adding to their professional portfolio. Registration with DU, a one-time \$75 fee paid to DU, and successful completion of the course by April 10, 2018, is required to qualify for this program.

## LEGALESE:

- Acceptance and willingness to undergo a criminal background check will be required to volunteer with the CCDC Advocacy Team
- Cancellation before the start of session is subject to a \$25 fee
- Refunds, after the session begins, are calculated on a pro-rated basis
- CCDC is unable to provide reimbursement for mileage, hotel accommodations, long distance charges, food, etc. for anyone attending the training

## GRATEFUL APPRECIATION:

CCDC Advocacy Training is made possible by through partnerships with the following organizations:

- The University of Denver, University College
- The Gill Foundation
- Mile High Connects

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