



Intervener Professional Development Guidelines and Renewal Requirements

National Intervener & Advocate Association

The National Intervener Credential is good for 5 years, after which time, it needs to be renewed. Interveners can begin working on their professional development activities for renewal any time on or after their credential start date. Upon renewal approval, an intervener will be designated as a **Deafblind Intervener Specialist (DBIS)**.

Renewal Requirements:

- Training can be done through workshops, conferences, seminars, and/or university/college courses.
- During the five-year renewal period, a credentialed intervener must earn a total of 8 continuing education units (CEU's), or 80 Continuing Education points (CE's) or a combination of both.
 - 1 Continuing Education Unit or CEU = 10 hours of professional development training
 - 1 Continuing Education point or CE = 1 hour of professional development training.
 - For university/college courses, 1 semester credit hour = 1.5 CEU's or 15 CE points. 1 quarter credit hour = 1 CEU or 10 CE points.
- Of the total 8 CEU's or 80 CE's, at least 5 of the CEU's or 50 CE's must be in **deafblind specific** professional development training. 3 CEU's or 30 CE's can be from other topic areas.
- Credit may only be given for a specific topic workshop once in a five-year renewal cycle. The dates the CEUs were earned must fall within the five-year credentialing cycle. CEUs are not carried over from one renewal period to the next.
- The accompanying Professional Development Response form must be completed for each professional development training activity.

Professional Development Training Options:

A credentialed intervener can do any of the following:

- **Participate in state or national workshops, seminars, or conferences related to deafblindness.**

Documentation required: Certificate of participation and a brief summary of what was learned.

- **Complete coursework from an accredited college or university.**

Documentation required: University or college transcript or certificate of satisfactory completion

- **Complete coursework in sign language and/or tactile sign language.**

Documentation required: Certificate of satisfactory completion

- **Participate in state or national workshops, seminars, or conferences on topics not related to deafblindness.**

Documentation required: Certificate of participation and a brief summary of what was learned.

**National Intervener Credential Renewal
Professional Development Response Form**

(Before completing this form, first save it to your computer)

Participant Name: _____

Name of workshop / conference / seminar / course: _____

Date(s) of workshop / conference / seminar / course: _____

Sponsoring organization / institution: _____

Presenter(s) / instructor(s) name: _____

Number of CE's or CEU's given: _____

Training Summary: