Reach out a helping hand. Our program prepares paraeducators to support students who are deafblind. Online classes use Open Hands, Open Access: Deafblind Intervener Learning Modules, which are nationally recognized training materials. You gain the combined resources of SF State and California Deafblind Services (CDBS), including instruction from specialists in deafblindness. The training only takes two semesters and once complete, you become a qualified intervener, ready to supply a critical service for school districts and other academic agencies.

**Why enroll in our Intervener Training: Deafblind Education program?**

**Quality Instruction for Qualifications**
Train with *Open Hands, Open Access* – online modules that address all seven standards set by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) for interveners supporting students who are deafblind.

**Time-Efficient Training**
Spend just 2.5 hours every week for 2 semesters to complete the course.

**Learn from your Living Room**
Find all the class materials online, anytime you want it, anywhere with internet connection.

**Opening Up you Career Opportunities**
Unlock previously inaccessible positions by developing specialized skill sets.
Certificate Program

The Intervener Training: Deafblind Education program uses the Open Hands, Open Access, a set of Deafblind Intervener learning modules. The training requires a total of 10 learning modules, 9 required plus 1 elective. You complete the program after only 2 semesters. *(You must take the first class in the Fall prior to enrolling in the second class during the Spring semester.)*

In the first semester, you learn about:

- An Overview of Deafblindness and Instructional Strategies
- The Sensory System, the Brain, and Learning
- The Role of the Intervener in Educational Settings
- Plus more relating to the principles of intervention

In the second semester, you learn about:

- Communication Principles
- Routines for Participation and Learning
- Concept Development and Active Learning
- Plus more intervention practices for students who are deafblind

Course materials include slideshows, video interviews, activities and readings. All course materials are available online, allowing you to set the pace for your progress. To supplement your independent study, you have the opportunity to converse directly with your instructors. Three in-class meetings are scheduled per semester on the Zoom meeting platform for a total of 6 meetings over 2 semesters.

- **Intervener Training: Deafblind Education:** $480 for 2 courses

Learn more at [cel.sfsu.edu/intervener](http://cel.sfsu.edu/intervener)