

Program Educational Objectives

- To introduce and involve students in the theory and applied methods involved in the training of service dogs;
- To educate students in the procedures involved in the placement of service dogs with individuals with mobility and psychological limitations; and
- To provide students with an overview of employment-related opportunities in the service dog field, including: entry-level canine care and training positions; client placement specialists; fundraisers; and canine therapeutic intervention handlers.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students completing the course will be able to demonstrate:

- Skills related to the training of service dog commands;
- Procedures related to the placement and follow-up of service dogs with individuals with mobility and psychological limitations;
- Knowledge of canine health and wellness care, other service dog roles, new perspectives in dogs' cognition, pup raising practices, overview of service dogs from start to finish.
- Knowledge of employment opportunities related to service dog training and placement.