

EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH AUTISM AND OTHER PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS, GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

This fully online 18-credit certificate is designed for certified educators, educational support personnel, parents, and interested members of the community to gain practical knowledge for supporting children and adults diagnosed with autism. The program addresses the wide range of competencies that are necessary for the provision of effective educational programming for students with autism spectrum disorders and other pervasive developmental disorders.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
ED.871.510	Legal Aspects, Service Systems, and Current Issues in Special Education	3
ED.877.513	Education of Students with Severe Disabilities: Augmentative Communication Systems	3
ED.877.551	Survey of Autism and Other Pervasive Developmental Disorders	3
ED.877.553	Classroom Programming for Students with Autism	3
ED.877.555	Teaching Communication and Social Skills	3
ED.877.550	Inclusive Practices for Autism Spectrum Disorders	3
Total Credits		18

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, we expect students will:

- Describe and define the developmental aspects, theoretical background, descriptive characteristics, and diagnostic characteristics of autism (ASD).
- Define, identify, and implement evidence-based practices to address the educational needs of students with ASD within an educational setting (pre-k through 12th grade).
- Utilize research methods to evaluate and measure the effectiveness of behavioral interventions and instructional procedures within an educational setting (pre-k through 12th grade).
- Design, implement and evaluate an instructional program based on assessment results to increase a desired behavior/skill and decrease undesired behaviors for an individual students or a group of students in an educational setting (pre-k through 12th grade).