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#1 Special Education ONLINE program
Graduate Certificate, Electives or MSEd in
AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Program Details

As an **educator, parent, school psychologist or extended service provider** interested in better meeting the needs of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), the KU ASD certificate will help you gain practical skills and critical knowledge to help you address the academic, communication and social skill related challenges of individuals with ASD. You can apply these skills in medical settings, diagnostic clinics, private clinics or residential settings and school settings. The focused curriculum is designed to prepare you to work effectively with individuals across the autism spectrum. The incidence of ASD is growing exponentially. The Center for Disease Control reports ASD affects 1 in 54 children in the United States (2020). Teachers, parents, and other professionals play an essential role in the development and provision of services for this unique population. The KU ASD courses are focused on evidence-based practices and field experiences that allow you to apply your skills and knowledge in real-world settings.

Program benefits:

- *Learning* from a pioneer program in ASD for 30+ years
- *Coursework* grounded in the most current research, trends & evidence-based practices for ASD
- *Build skills* to collaborate with other practitioners in related disciplines with a wide variety of experiences
- *Flexibility* to complete courses as ELECTIVES or choose the Graduate Certificate or MSE options
- *Coursework* in 8 weeks -- anytime, anywhere, through our innovative online platform, KU Connect
- *Pre-requisites* may be waived on an individual basis with permission from instructor
- *No GRE* requirement for admission; ONLINE application form
- *One or more courses* may be taken as electives (*with instructor approval*)
- *Complete* in as few as 8 months

Program Structure:

- 8 weeks per course * 5 courses taken in sequence (*pre-requisites may be waived with permission from instructor*)
- **SPED 760 – Introduction to ASD** = An introductory course addressing characteristics, trends and issues associated with ASD, and effective strategies for structuring, managing and promoting social skill development and interactions.
- **SPED 785 – Application of Assessment Information for ASD** = Learn about recommended assessments for individuals with ASD. Practice analyzing and interpreting data to develop and plan meaningful programming for learners with ASD.
- **SPED 790 – Methods for Learners with High-functioning ASD** = This course emphasizes EBPs for learners with high-functioning ASD to address social, communication, behavioral and academic needs.
- **SPED 860 – Education of Children & Youth with Disabilities: ASD** = Learn to develop and implement overall treatment programs. Learn procedures to manage behavior, resources, coordination of programs with families, other providers.
- **SPED 800–Teaching Language & Communication Skills (3 credit)** = Communicative behavior (verbal behavior, functional communication, AAC, SGD, and EBPs for assessing, teaching, evaluating interventions in the home, school, & community
- **SPED 772 – Observation & Participation of ASD (1 credit)** = Field experience designed to provide an opportunity to observe services provided to children and youth with a range of ASD

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