ONLINE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Program Details

The online Graduate Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) has a focused curriculum designed to prepare you to effectively work with children and students across the autism spectrum.

Whether you are a special educator, a P-12 teacher, a concerned family member or an advocate, this certificate program gives you critical knowledge and practical skills to help you address a disorder that affects 1 in 68 children in the United States.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

• Earn a graduate certificate from the #1 Special Education program (among public universities)¹
• Learn from a university that has been a pioneer in autism education, preparing educators with graduate programs in ASD for over 30 years
• Conduct your course work anytime, anywhere, through our innovative online platform, KU Connect
• Submit your application with no GRE requirement for admission into the program

Note: This program is not intended for initial teacher licensure or certification; most students are expected to enter the program with an active teacher’s license.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

• 8 weeks per course
• 5 courses taken in sequence
• 13 credits earned
• Complete in as few as 8 months

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

To apply to the Graduate Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorder, your first step is completing the online application form.

To be considered for admission, prospective students must have completed a bachelor’s degree with a GPA of 3.0 or greater (on a 4.0 scale). Applicants with an undergraduate GPA below 3.0 should contact an Admissions Advisor for information about provisional admissions.

Our Admissions Advisors are here to answer your questions. Please email us at onlineinfo@ku.edu or call us toll free at 855-639-7799.

International applicants must meet English language proficiency requirements.

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WHAT YOU’LL LEARN
The University of Kansas has over 30 years of experience preparing educators to work with children on the autism spectrum, ranging from students requiring highly individualized programs to those who need less intensive modifications in the general education population. As a part of this program, you will learn about characteristics and assessments, social and behavioral interventions, effective curriculum development strategies and sensory and motor issues.

The curriculum is focused on evidence-based practices and includes field experiences that will allow you to apply your learned skills and knowledge in a real world environment.

FACULTY
The University of Kansas brings a rich academic tradition into the online environment. The KU School of Education is fully committed to KU’s mission of educating leaders, building healthy communities and making discoveries that change the world. Our special education faculty are at the leading edge of research and practice to improve the lives of children with special needs. They have:

- Served as leaders of and received recognition from key organizations such as The Arc and the Council for Exceptional Children
- Authored dozens of books and over 1,000 academic articles that guide research and practice worldwide
- Directed tens of millions in federal grant dollars dedicated to the field of special education

AFTER GRADUATION
The online Graduate Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) focuses on knowledge and skills required of teachers, related service providers and other professionals who educate and support students with autism-related disabilities. Individuals who complete the program apply their knowledge and skills in a variety of settings.