Program Details

The online Master of Science in Education (M.S.E.) in Special Education with an emphasis in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) addresses the complex needs of educators who teach students with ASD. Designed for current educators and service professionals in related roles, our program helps to teach the skills and expertise needed to build a successful learning environment for students with ASD.

**PROGRAM BENEFITS**

- Earn a respected master’s degree from the #1 Department of Special Education in the country (among public universities)¹
- Top 10 Best Education School (among public universities)¹
- Experience the flexibility of online learning to accommodate a busy working professional
- Gain real-world experience through an extensive field-based practicum during your program
- Apply for admission without a GRE score
- Expand your professional network and collaborate with fellow educators

**PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

- 3 program tracks
- 36 credits or 13 courses, including a field-based practicum
- 8 weeks per course
- Graduate in as few as 2 years

If you’re not ready to commit to a master’s degree program, we also offer a shorter-term Graduate Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorder.

**ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

To apply to the Master’s 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](mailto:onlineinfo@ku.edu) or call us toll free at 855-639-7799.

International applicants must meet English language proficiency requirements.

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¹ Retrieved on January 9, 2018 from usnews.com/best-graduate-schools/university-of-kansas-155317/overall-rankings
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FACULTY

Bringing our rich academic tradition to the online environment, the KU School of Education is committed to the mission of preparing educational leaders, building healthy communities and making discoveries that change the world. Our special education faculty are at the cutting edge of research and practice, working to improve the lives of children with special needs. They have:

• Served as leaders of and received recognition from key organizations like The Arc, the Council for Exceptional Children and the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
• 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

PROGRAM TRACKS

The Behavior track is intended for those seeking an advanced understanding of behavior, applied behavior analysis, positive behavior support and how to best support appropriate behavior in learners with ASD.

The Leadership track is designed for those who currently serve in or are aspiring toward leadership roles in schools or districts, providing students with an understanding of learning, social and emotional needs.

The Secondary/Transition track helps educators prepare secondary special education students to make the transition into adult life.

WHAT YOU’LL LEARN

The KU School of Education has more than 30 years of experience providing educators with the tools needed to teach learners with ASD. In the program, students can expect to expand their understanding of applied behavior analysis, functional behavior assessment and positive behavior supports, as well as social, language and communication development and intervention. Our curriculum utilizes evidence-based practices, incorporating interactive media and field experiences that help you to apply the skills you’ve learned in a real-world environment.

AFTER GRADUATION

Whether you are an educator, therapist, school leader or related service professional, our program helps give you the advanced knowledge and necessary skills to support learners with ASD. After completing the program, students can better apply these techniques and skills in real-world scenarios in their current or future roles.