

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

College of Education Health and Human Services
 School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences
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Description

The Autism Spectrum Disorders graduate certificate prepares students for understanding and addressing the needs of individuals with autism across the spectrum, across the lifespan and in varied contexts, including general and special education classrooms and community settings. Students will gain knowledge and skills related to identifying diagnostic and learning style characteristics, causes and medical intervention, early signs and assessment protocols, social-communicative development and disorders, theoretical models and implications of those models for intervention, family characteristics and evidence-based intervention practices. This program is most relevant for students who want to specialize in autism spectrum disorder and/ or professionals assuming leadership roles in supporting individuals with autism and their families in the programs and organizations in which they work.

Fully Offered At:

- Online
- Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Minimum 3.000 GPA
- Official transcript(s)
- Goal statement
- Two letters of recommendation

Gainful Employment Disclosure

Disclosure statement for this certificate.

Graduate Certificate Policy for the College of Education, Health and Human Services

- Students seeking a graduate certificate must maintain a minimum 3.000 grade point average. A graduate certificate student who receives a combination of more than 8 credit hours of B- or lower grades, or more than 4 credit hours of grades lower than C is subject to dismissal. Students who are unable to maintain academic standards of the College are subject to dismissal for academic reasons. Grades of C- or below are not counted toward completion of the certificate.
- Certificates must be completed within six years after the first graduate enrollment.

- No more than 2 credit hours of workshop may be used toward a certificate.
- Before being eligible to be awarded a Certificate, students must be admitted to the Certificate program.
- Students currently in a graduate degree program may also apply to a certificate program. Their degree seeking coursework may be applied to the certificate coursework with advisor approval. The courses must be completed within six years and satisfy certificate course requirements.
- Students who have a previous graduate degree and are not currently seeking another graduate degree may transfer a maximum 6 credit hours with advisor approval. These credits may include hours from another KSU program, or from another accredited institution, if the following conditions are met: (1) courses were at the graduate level; (2) a grade of "A" or "B" was earned; (3) credit will be less than six years old at the time the certificate is conferred at Kent; and (4) student was admitted as a graduate student at the time the course was taken.
- Some program areas may be more restrictive. Students are advised to consult their program.

Program Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Certificate Requirements		
SPA 64309	AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS: THEORY AND DIAGNOSIS ¹	3
SPA 64310	AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS: LIFESPAN INTERVENTIONS ²	3
SPA 64501	SOCIAL COMMUNICATION ASPECTS OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER	3
SPED 53030	APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS I: THEORY AND TECHNIQUES	3
SPED 63030	PHARMACOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION	3
or SPED 63959	MEDICAL ASPECTS OF LIFESPAN DISABILITIES	
Certificate Electives, choose from the following:		1-3
SPA 64096	INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION:SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY	
SPA 64098	RESEARCH	
SPA 64199	THESIS I	
SPED 53031	APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS II: APPLICATION	
SPED 63995	SPECIAL TOPICS IN SPED	
SPED 63949	AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER CAPSTONE	
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		16

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Certificate GPA
 3.000

- Students declared in a doctoral degree should enroll in the doctoral level version of these courses, if offered.