AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

College of Education Health and Human Services
School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences
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About This Program
The Autism Spectrum Disorders graduate certificate program provides you with the skills and knowledge needed to work effectively with individuals with autism spectrum disorders, and prepare you to take the national board certification exam for behavior analysts. Read more...

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Program Delivery
• Delivery:
  • Fully online
  • In person
• Location:
  • Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Education teachers, postsecondary
• 4.8% about as fast as the average
• 77,300 number of jobs
• $65,440 potential earnings

Special education teachers, all other
• 8.5% much faster than the average
• 36,600 number of jobs
• $62,820 potential earnings

Special education teachers, kindergarten and elementary school
• 2.9% slower than the average
• 193,000 number of jobs
• $60,620 potential earnings

Special education teachers, middle school
• 2.6% slower than the average
• 84,700 number of jobs
• $61,820 potential earnings

Special education teachers, preschool
• 8.3% much faster than the average
• 23,000 number of jobs
• $61,400 potential earnings

Special education teachers, secondary school
• 3.2% about as fast as the average
• 143,000 number of jobs
• $62,320 potential earnings

Healthcare support workers, all other
• 6.9% faster than the average
• 96,900 number of jobs
• $39,530 potential earnings

Social and human service assistants
• 16.8% much faster than the average
• 425,600 number of jobs
• $35,960 potential earnings

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Admission Requirements
• Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution
• Minimum 2.750 GPA
• Official transcript(s)
• Goal statement
• Two letters of recommendation

Application Deadlines
• Fall Semester
  • Rolling admissions
• Spring Semester
  • Rolling admissions
• Summer Term
  • Rolling admissions

Program Requirements

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The Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) 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 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 ASD and/or professionals assuming leadership roles in supporting individuals with ASD and their families in the programs and organizations in which they work.