

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS - MINOR

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 offers comprehensive training to help you understand and support individuals with ASD. You'll gain knowledge in behavioral analysis, communication and intervention strategies. Read more...

Contact Information

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor's degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

To declare this minor, students must have attempted a minimum 12 credit hours at Kent State and earned a minimum 2.750 overall Kent State GPA. Students who have not attempted 12 credit hours at Kent State will be evaluated for admission based on their high school GPA for new students or transfer GPA for transfer students. Transfer students who have not attempted 12 credit hours of college-level coursework at Kent State and/or other institutions will be evaluated based on both their high school GPA and college GPA.

Program Requirements

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
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| Minor Requirements | | |
| SPA 44010 | SOCIAL COMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT AND DISORDERS IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS | 3 |
| SPA 44030 | AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS OVER THE LIFESPAN | 3 |
| SPED 43030 | APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS I: THEORY AND TECHNIQUES | 3 |
| SPED 44020 | MEDICAL ASPECTS OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS | 3 |

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| SPED 44309 | AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS: THEORY AND DIAGNOSIS | 3 |
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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 15

Graduation Requirements

| Minimum Minor GPA | Minimum Overall GPA |
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| 2.750 | 2.000 |

- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
- Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).

Full Description

The Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) minor is an interdisciplinary program, between Special Education and Speech Pathology and Audiology. The minor prepares students to understand and address the needs of individuals with ASD across the spectrum, across the lifespan and in varied contexts, including general and special education classrooms and community settings.

Students gain knowledge and skills related to the following:

- Diagnostic and learning style characteristics
- Causes and medical intervention
- Early signs and assessment protocols
- Social-communicative development and disorders
- Theoretical models and the implications of those models for intervention
- Family characteristics
- Evidence-based intervention practices

The ASD minor is particularly relevant for students with a major or interest in special education, speech pathology, audiology, occupational and physical therapy, psychology and human development and family studies.