

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS, CERTIFICATE OR M.ED.

The Autism Spectrum Disorders program offers certified teachers and non-certified individuals with a personal or professional interest in autism disorders (parents, advocates, service providers, and others) an in-depth study of the pervasive developmental disorders including teaching strategies and interventions, assessment, and social communication development for students with autism or related developmental disorders. Completers of the certificate program earn a Georgian Court University certificate indicating focused training in autism spectrum disorders; completers of the degree program earn a Master of Education.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program of studies for Autism Spectrum Disorders, the student will receive a Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree and/or GCU certificate and will have given evidence of the following outcomes and goals.

- In-depth study of the pervasive developmental disorders of autism, evaluated through research assignments and in-class testing.
- Application of teaching strategies and interventions for students with autism and related developmental disorders, including collaborative models of teaching, as evidenced by observation reports and research studies.
- Assessment of students with autism and related developmental disorders, using case studies to apply the appropriate approaches to instruction.
- Implementation of techniques to support social communication development of students with autism and related developmental disorders, through direct observation and practicum experiences.
- (Master's Degree) Advanced professional leadership within the area of services to support students with autism and related developmental disorders, through academic research and program evaluation.

Admission Requirements for Admission

- An earned bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university;
- Evidence of a minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA; and
- For teachers: a copy of a valid New Jersey instructional certificate (P-3, K-6; or K-12).

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Autism GCU Certificate		
EDC5301	Nature & Needs Indivs w/Aut&PervasDevDis	3.0
EDC5302	Strategies Teach Students w/Aut & DevDis ¹	3.0
EDC5303	Soc Communic Intervent Students w/ASD	3.0
EDC5304	Assess & Curr Inter for Autism Spec Dis	3.0

EDC5305	Intervent & Supports Level 1 Char ASD	3.0
Total Credits		15.0

¹ Requires 10 hours of clinical experience.

Additional courses required for master's degree:

Code	Title	Credits
EDC5001	Philo & Psych Found of Incl Ed	3.0
EDC5002	Diversity in Inclusive Education	3.0
EDC5010	Curr Leadership for the Incl Sch	3.0
EDC5014	Methods of Res for Leaders in Incl Sch	3.0
EDC5158	Instr Technology for Incl Education	3.0
EDC6095	Project Applied Thesis I	3.0
EDC6099	Project Applied Thesis II	3.0
Total Credits		21.0