An Overview of Autism Spectrum Disorders (Graduate Certificate)

At ASU’s Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College, we understand that the creativity that fuels the great innovations of our time is the same force that animates great educators. Our graduate programs develop collaborative leaders who bring people and ideas together to improve systems and strengthen communities.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate An Overview of Autism Spectrum Disorders (certificate)

The graduate certificate program in an overview of autism spectrum disorders is ideal for educators, interventionists, paraprofessionals, psychologists, pathologists, behavior analysts and family members who want to enhance their preparation for working with children and adults affected with autism spectrum disorder.

The online program can benefit those interested in the fields of teaching, counseling, social work, speech pathology and various fields of therapy and program management in any area that provides services to individuals on the autism spectrum.

Students can complete the graduate certificate within a two-year period while concurrently pursuing a graduate degree or they can complete it as a stand-alone certificate. Students interested in sitting for the national Board Certified Behavior Analyst exam should apply for the MEd in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in applied behavior analysis or the applied behavior analysis graduate certificate, depending on interest and need.

At a Glance

- College/School: Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- Location: online
Degree Requirements

15 credit hours

**Required Core (12 credit hours)**
- SPE 520 Visual Communication (3)
- SPE 521 Foundations of Autism Spectrum Disorders (3)
- SPE 531 Methods of Applied Behavior Analysis for Exceptional Populations (3)
- SPE 566 Applied Behavior Analysis in Inclusive Settings (3)

**Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**
- SPE 580 Practicum (3)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. personal statement describing the applicant's interests and reason for seeking this degree
4. resume
5. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

GRE scores are not required for admission.
For disclosure information about the U.S. Department of Education Gainful Employment Program, students should see https://catalog.asu.edu/files/disclosures/EDSPEGRCA/Gedt.html.

**Attend Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

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