Graduate Certificate in the Education of Students with Autism and Other Pervasive Developmental Disorders (Autism Studies)

This 18-credit, online certificate is designed for parents, certified educators, educational support personnel, and interested community members to gain practical knowledge for supporting children and adults diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders. The program addresses the wide range of competencies necessary to provide educational programming for students diagnosed with autism and other pervasive disorders.

The Johns Hopkins Advantage
- A high-demand credential backed by rigorous preparation
- Nationally recognized faculty experts dedicated to empowering future field leaders
- Consistently ranked among the nation’s top graduate schools of education

Program Outcomes
Students who complete the coursework will learn to:
- Describe and define the developmental aspects, theoretical background, descriptive characteristics, and diagnostic characteristics of ASD
- Define, identify, and implement evidence-based practices to address the educational needs of students with ASD within an educational setting (pre-K through 12th grade)
- Utilize research methods to evaluate and measure the effectiveness of behavioral interventions and instructional procedures within an educational setting (pre-K through 12th grade)
- Design, implement, and evaluate an instructional program based on assessment results to increase a desired behavior or skill and decrease undesired behaviors for individual students or a group of students in an educational setting (pre-K through 12th grade)

Required Courses
The following six courses are required (for a total of 18 credits):
- 871.510 Legal Aspects, Service Systems, and Current Issues in Special Education
- 877.551 Survey of Autism and Other Pervasive Developmental Disorders
- 877.553 Classroom Programming for Students with Autism
- 877.555 Teaching Communication and Social Skills
- 877.513 Education of Students with Severe Disabilities: Augmentative Communication Systems

Johns Hopkins School of Education
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**Credits**
18 graduate credits, six courses

**Delivery**
Online

**Enrollment Status**
Part-time, flexible option, with up to three years to complete all certificate requirements

**Start Term**
Fall semester only

**Course Delivery**
Online, asynchronous

**Tuition and Fees**
Please visit education.jhu.edu/admission/tuition for more information.

**Financial Aid Eligibility**
This program qualifies for federal financial aid. Please visit education.jhu.edu/financial for more information.

**Scholarships**
Need-based, limited, partial

**Admission Deadline**
Rolling

**Admissions Requirements**
Every applicant must complete an online application, plus:
- Minimum 3.0 GPA in previous college-level coursework
- Official transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation
- Essay
- Resume
- $80 application fee

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What can I expect from online courses?**
Online courses utilize the Blackboard learning management system. Course content is set up in sessions lasting one to two weeks. During each session, students are expected to complete readings and view videos as well as other media content. They also have opportunities to participate in online learning activities, such as discussion forums, group activities, and other collaborative assignments. For each course, students are required to complete quizzes, exams, or other major assessments.

**Are applicants eligible for Special Education Certification?**
No. Students who graduate from this program will earn a graduate certificate. Students interested in teacher certification should explore our Master of Science in Special Education: Mild-to-Moderate Disabilities.

**Do I need to work in the field of special education or ASD to qualify for this program?**
This certificate is designed to provide practical knowledge for not only certified educators but also parents, support personnel, and community members interested in supporting children and adults diagnosed with autism. All applicants must meet the stated admission requirements (including bachelor’s degree and 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA).

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