



SANFORD COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN AUTISM

## Inspire Students With Autism

Learn how to work with and teach students who fall within the Autism Spectrum Disorder with National University's Autism Specialist Online Certification. The four-course sequence is designed to provide you with an orientation to the terms and the characteristics involved, assessment and behavior management interaction strategies, a variety of teaching strategies, and necessary skills in collaborating with parents and families of those in the spectrum. It is recommended that students complete EXC 621 first in the sequence. Credentialed teachers who are interested in using this program to enhance their knowledge of teaching those in the field should contact a credential program specialist. Professionals in other fields such as social work, nursing, and child development can also complete the coursework for professional growth units or a National University certificate.

### Program highlights:

- Understand the background and orientation of the terms included in the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) category
- Learn federal and state laws, legislation, and judicial decisions regarding children with autism
- Recognize behaviors and how to utilize assessments that identify children as having autism
- Use behavioral analysis to manage and change behaviors of children with autism

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This certificate is designed for those interested in finding out more about working with and teaching those that fall within the Autism Spectrum Disorder. The four course sequence is designed to provide the student with an orientation to the terms and the characteristics involved, assessment and behavior management interaction strategies, a variety of teaching strategies, and train necessary skills in collaborating with parents and families of those in the spectrum. It is recommended that students complete EXC 621 first in the sequence.

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### Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the background and orientation of the terms included in the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) category.
- Demonstrate an understanding of federal and state laws, legislation and judicial decisions regarding children with autism.
- Demonstrate competence in recognizing behaviors and utilizing assessments that identify children as having autism.
- Demonstrate competence and understanding in using behavioral analysis to manage and change behaviors of children with autism.
- Demonstrate understanding of differing evidence-based program strategies for teaching students with autism.
- Demonstrate the competence to organize a structured classroom, to collect relevant data on behavioral outcomes, and to implement identified evidence-based strategies for a class that includes students that fall within the spectrum.
- Demonstrate skills needed for working collaboratively within and across systems that serve children and families and with professionals from diverse disciplines.

### Requirements for the Certificate

1. Hold a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university with an overall grade point average of 2.5 or better, or where a grade point average of 2.75 or higher as achieved in the last 90 quarter units.
2. Possess a valid Education Specialist Mild/Moderate, Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, Physical and Health Impairment, or Visual Impairment credential.
3. Meet with a Credential Program Specialist within 30 days of enrollment to obtain certification application procedures.

### Program Requirements

(4 courses; 18 quarter units)

EXC 621	Intro Students w/Autism Spect.
EXC 622	Assess. & Behavioral App in Aut.
EXC 623	Intervention/Instr. w/Aut.
EXC 624	Autism Collab. w/Parents & Fam.