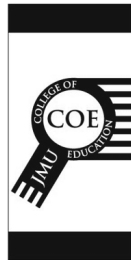


## What Will You Gain?

1. Information, research and best practice that addresses current needs in the field of special education related to the growing population of students with a disability on the autism spectrum.
2. Training that will prepare you to serve as catalysts in schools for the effective education of learners with a disability on the autism spectrum.
3. Ability to grow and expand the knowledge and skill levels of a variety of service providers and care givers of those with a disability on the autism spectrum.
4. Knowledge and skills necessary to effectively participate on teams addressing the needs of learners with a disability on the autism spectrum.



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## Certificate in Autism Spectrum Studies

**Online Certificate Program!**



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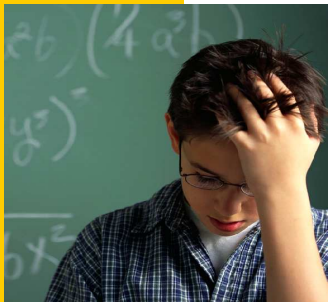
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## Certificate in Autism Spectrum Studies

James Madison University's certificate programs in autism are designed to enable those in the field to increase their knowledge and understanding of students with a disability in the autism spectrum, including those with Asperger syndrome, and to engage in the practice of assessing, planning and implementing programming for this population. The course sequence has been developed to provide solid practice recommendations for this quickly growing need in the area of special education. Our certificate programs have been based on competencies compiled by a committee of Virginia statewide stakeholders with a variety of backgrounds and perspectives. The content is suitable for those working with this population anytime along the entire lifespan.

The coursework for these certificates includes: early childhood characteristics, issues and programming, initial evaluation, transition, adult needs, programming and life planning, learning, communication, behavioral issues, sensory motor components, related service needs, related and co-morbid medical conditions, social skills and support, and peer network development and support.



## Certificate Program Course Sequence

### All courses offered online.

#### Graduate courses

EXED 506 Overview and Assessment of Autism Disorders (*Spring*)

EXED 602 Communication, Language and Sensory Issues in ASD (*Summer*)

EXED 603 PBS, FBA and BIP (*Fall*)

EXED 604 Practical Experience in Autism (*offered as needed*) *Graduate certificate candidates only*

#### Undergraduate courses

EXED 416 Overview and Assessment of Autism Disorders (*Spring*)

EXED 417 Communication, Language and Sensory Issues in ASD (*Summer*)

EXED 418 PBS, FBA and BIP (*Fall*)

**Graduate level certificate:** (11 credit hours of study) developed to give an in-depth study of the characteristics, assessment and provision of services for this population. Students complete three courses and a practicum designed to put into practice the skills learned during coursework. This program would be most suitable for those responsible for the direct services, assessment and planning for those with a disability on the spectrum.

**Undergraduate level certificate:** (9 credit hours of study) does not include the practicum work. The undergraduate certificate would be most suited for those without direct responsibility or exposure to students with autism and those who do not hold an undergraduate degree but with a desire to increase their understanding of this population.

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