



Master of Education

# Autism Specialist

• CIP code 131013 • 31 credits, 3 terms full-time • This program does not satisfy licensure requirements for K-12 public school teachers.

**Program Description (MEd)** —Teachers in general education and special education today are working with more and more students diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). This program answers the growing need for more understanding and better preparation for those working with students with severe disabilities. It is designed for experienced teachers and para-professionals, to enhance their working knowledge of the field. It also provides opportunities to explore new opportunities this knowledge would provide. **This is not a licensure program and does not lead to BACB certification.**

**Learning Outcomes** — Graduates will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of autism, behavioral issues and severe special needs. They personalize their learning through an Independent Learning Project that enhances their preparedness as a professional educator.

**Careers** — This program will enhance the skills and understanding of:

- Experienced special educators, wanting more information to better serve the needs of this growing population.
- General educators who wish to work more effectively in their inclusion classes.
- Para-professionals currently working with students with severe disabilities, to gain a better understanding of the autistic needs and behavioral issues of the students they serve.
- Anyone wanting to know more about this growing field.

## Courses ..... 31 credits

- EDU 558 Introduction to Graduate School (1 credit) . . . every term
  - ESP 615 Assistive Technology: Modifying Curriculum for Diverse Learning Styles . . . every term
  - ESP 610 Autism: History, Prevalence, Diagnosis & Characteristics . . . . . Fall, Spring
  - ESP 695 Laws & Regulations Pertaining to Special Education . . . . . Fall, Spring
  - ESP 689 Theories of Typical & Atypical Human Development . . . . . Fall, Summer
  - ESP 621 Assessment & Appraisal Process (ASD) . . . . . Spring
  - ESP 625 Behavior Management (ASD) . . . . . Fall, Summer
  - ESP 616 Communication Disorders (ASD) . . . . . Fall, Summer
  - ESP 630 Social and Psychological Perspectives in Autism Spectrum Disorders . . . . . Summer
  - ESP 635 Teaching & Curriculum Development for Students with Severe Disabilities . . . . . Summer
- One approved 3-credit School of Education elective.

**Program and schedule subject to change.**

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(All courses @ 3 credits except as noted.)