

Autism Specialist Certificate



Curry College is closer to your goals

Curry is proud to be one of the first institutions in Massachusetts to offer this certificate. Gain a deeper understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and meet the standards and competency requirements for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Autism Endorsement.

In demand in every school system

The demand for education professionals specializing in ASD is growing. Become the Autism Specialist for your school or district, open doors to new career opportunities, and champion opportunities for students with special needs.

Get Closer with Curry – Autism Specialist Curriculum

Finish in less than 1 year by taking 1 course each 8-week term. The program is fully online with live lectures held one evening a week from 5:30pm - 7:30pm.

Summer 2022

TERM 2 STARTS JULY 11 SPE 6810 Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder

Fall 2022

TERM 1 SPE 6820 Effective Educational and Behavioral Strategies Designed to Instruct Students with ASD

TERM 2 SPE 6830 Autism Spectrum Disorder: Diagnosis and Assessment

Classes are delivered in an 8-week online format unless otherwise noted. Any of the above named courses, with the exception of SPE 6845, may be taken for PDPs without officially joining the certificate program.

Spring 2023

Term 1 SPE 6840 Meeting the Needs of Students with Autism: A Collaborative Approach

15-Week Semester SPE 6845 Practicum and Seminar in Autism Spectrum Disorders (field placement)

Course Descriptions – Autism Specialist Certificate/ Autism Endorsement

SPE 6810 Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder (3 credits)

Explore the causes and diagnoses of Autism, Asperger Syndrome, and Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (PDDNOS), and their impact on learning and behavior.

SPE 6820 Effective Educational & Behavioral Strategies Designed to Instruct Students with Challenging Behaviors (3 credits)

Learn how to effectively engage and instruct students with challenging behaviors using differentiated strategies and assistive technology.

SPE 6830 Autism Spectrum Disorder: Diagnosis and Assessment (3 credits)

Plan and conduct assessments for students on the Autism Spectrum and learn how to monitor progress and modify behavior.

SPE 6840 Meeting the Needs of Students with Autism: A Collaborative Approach (3 credits)

Explore the roles of educational and medical professionals involved in the diagnosis, education, and treatment of students on the autism spectrum.

SPE 6845 Practicum & Seminar in Autism Spectrum Disorders (3 credits)

Apply knowledge and skills into real world practices by working with autistic students in inclusive and educational settings.

Closer Than You Think – Admission Requirements

1. Bachelor's or master's degree from an accredited institution
2. Minimum of 2 years experience under one of the following initial or professional licenses:
 - Teacher of Students with Moderate Disabilities
 - Teacher of Students with Severe Disabilities
 - Teacher of the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing
 - Teacher of the Visually Impaired

Closer to Your Budget

Tuition for this 15-credit program is \$8,355. (\$557 per credit).

District Discount

A tuition discount is available when two or more candidates from the same school or district enroll. An Alumni Rate is available for those who qualify.

Closer to your next Career Move: Take the next steps

Application Requirements

1. Copy of your official teaching license(s)
2. Completed application
3. Current resume
4. Two professional letters of recommendation

Application Deadlines

Apply by September 15 for priority consideration. Applications received after this date will be reviewed on a space-available basis.

Apply today at Curry.edu/cegrad