

# Autism Specialist Graduate Certificate

Curry is proud to be one of the first institutions in Massachusetts to offer the Autism Specialist graduate 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.

**Fully Online,  
1 Night  
a Week**

## In Demand in Every School System

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

## Autism Specialist Curriculum

**High-Tech, High-Touch, High-Quality:** Our unique online format allows you to attend synchronous online classes and gives you the freedom to form valuable connections no matter where you are.

SPE 6810	Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder
SPE 6820	Effective Educational and Behavioral Strategies Designed to Instruct Students with ASD
SPE 6830	Autism Spectrum Disorder: Diagnosis and Assessment
SPE 6840	Meeting the Needs of Students with Autism: A Collaborative Approach
SPE 6845	Practicum and Seminar in Autism Spectrum Disorders

Any of the above named courses, with the exception of SPE 6845, may be taken for Professional Development Points without officially joining the certificate program.

## Admission Requirements

**If you do not have a teaching license, you can still enroll in this certificate program.**

1. Bachelor's or master's degree from an accredited institution
2. For DESE Endorsement Track\*, 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

3. Interview with Director of Graduate Studies in Education

*\*DESE endorsement track involves additional hours and a practicum, along with the regular course work.*

## Made for Your Budget

Tuition for the 2025-2026 academic year is \$8,700. (\$580 per credit x 15 credits).

Alumni receive a 20% discount.

## 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.

## Make Your Next Career Move

### Application Requirements

1. Completed application
2. Current resume
3. One professional letter of recommendation
4. Interview with Director of Graduate Education
5. Copy of your official teaching license(s)\*

*\*For DESE Endorsement Track only*

**Apply Today**  
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