# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN

# AUTISM SPECIALIST



## Support Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders

The online Autism Specialist Graduate Certificate is ideal for practitioners who want to increase their understanding of autism spectrum disorders in particular and neurodiversity in general. The certificate is designed for professionals with undergraduate degrees in education or related fields who wish to support individuals with ASD using evidence based practice strategies.

## Certificate Requirements:

This program offers a high quality, practitioner-oriented approach that is committed to developing highly-qualified and effective professionals. The Autism Specialist Certificate is 15-credits, available completely online. The online modules stress only evidenced-based interventions, and courses go through an accreditation process called Quality Matters to ensure that the online access is as seamless as possible. Our department is accredited through both National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC).

## Courses for the Autism Specialist Certificate may include:

- SPECED 640 Advanced Behavior OR SPECED 709 Advanced Principles of Behavior Analysis
- SPECED 707 Foundations of Autism Spectrum Disorder
- SPECED 708 Methods for Teaching Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- SPECED 702 Reflective Practice and Action Research
- SPECED 704 Applied Field Action Research in Special Education

## Admission Requirements

To ensure a high-quality graduate student group, all students must have a bachelor's degree from a recognized institution and meet graduate admission criteria.

## Tuition

Our graduate programs at UW-Whitewater are of superior value. If you compare our graduate tuition to others, you will find that this per-credit price is quite reasonable.

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Students can choose to combine a certificate in Autism Specialist with another Special Education certificate while completing the online Master's Degree in Special Education-Evidence Based Practice emphasis. Certificate choices include the following: Assistive Technology, Dyslexia & Language Based Learning Disabilities, Social Emotional Learning & Mental Health in Schools, Trauma Informed Educational Practice, or Transition.

# Online Graduate Certificate Programs in Special Education

### Applied Behavior Analysis

The Applied Behavior Analysis Online Graduate Certificate is designed for professionals with undergraduate degrees in education or related fields to use Applied Behavior Analysis to create, coordinate, and/or implement ABA-based interventions with individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder, other disabilities, and/or challenging behavior.

### Assistive Technology

The Assistive Technology online graduate certificate is designed to broaden the knowledge and skill set of current and future educators in the field of computer and web-based instruction to meet the unique needs of students with disabilities, with a focus on neurodivergent individuals (e.g. individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorders, Intellectual Disabilities). Furthermore, this certificate will address digital and cognitive accessibility, such as using technology to improve communication and/or access to instructional materials available through the web, computers, and mobile devices.

### Autism Specialist

The Autism Specialist Certificate is designed for professionals with undergraduate degrees in education or related fields to work with individuals on the autism spectrum using advanced knowledge and skills specific to autism spectrum disorders that are evidence based.

### Dyslexia and Language Based Learning Disabilities

The online graduate certificate in Dyslexia and Language Based Learning Disabilities prepares professionals with undergraduate degrees in education or related fields to provide intensive reading intervention based on the science of reading. Professionals completing the certificate know the neurobiological causes of dyslexia and language-based LD, skillfully intervene in phonological awareness and phonics, vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency, and are proficient evaluators of educational needs in reading.

### Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health in Schools

The Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health in Schools certificate is an interdisciplinary program for professionals working with children and adolescents in school-based settings with a focus on understanding the social, emotional, and behavioral characteristics and needs of youth, especially when identified mental health needs are present. The program extends beyond understanding student mental health to providing support and intervention for students, teachers, and staff in school-based settings targeting social, emotional, and behavioral well-being. The certificate was developed by faculty in the Counselor Education and Special Education Departments and courses are taught by faculty in both departments.

### Trauma Informed Educational Practice

The online graduate certificate in Trauma Informed Educational Practice certificate prepares professionals with undergraduate degrees in education or related fields to provide support for districts whose students have been impacted by trauma. Certificate holders will acquire interprofessional and team-based approaches to trauma prevention and trauma intervention. Certificate holders will be able to provide leadership in building responsive practices in both educational and community settings. Participants may be special educators, general educators, speech therapists, school counselors, school social workers, school psychologists, school administrators, or others committed to providing support for students impacted by trauma. Participants do not need to have a teaching license to enroll.

### Transition

The Online Transition Specialist Graduate Certificate prepares educators, independent living professionals, and transition specialists to work effectively with adolescents and young adults in education, independent living, and employment programs.

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