



M.A. Education: Autism Spectrum Disorders Georgian Court University

The core of the Autism Spectrum Disorders program is a 5-course 15-credit specialization that leads to a Georgian Court University certificate. It is intended for certified educators who wish to pursue specialized knowledge in autism and related disorders. The M.A. in Education: Autism Spectrum Disorders is a thirty-six-credit program for certified teachers who wish to pursue an advanced degree in education and focus on autism and pervasive developmental disorders.

Students who complete either of these program options will be able to:

- Explain the diagnosis, theories of etiology, development, behavior, neurological issues, theoretical perspectives, and impact on the family of autism spectrum disorders including Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, Rett Syndrome, Childhood Disintegrated Disorder, and Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified.
- Develop and implement behavior intervention plans for teaching students with autism and developmental disabilities
- Apply techniques to improve communication and social skills of students with autism spectrum disorders
- Develop and use curricular and assessment tools for students with autism spectrum disorders
- Apply curricular, assessment and intervention strategies for children and adolescents with Asperger's Syndrome

Three enrollment options:

1. Single-course introduction to autism and pervasive developmental disorders
2. Five-course graduate certificate in autism spectrum disorders
3. M.A. in Education: Autism Spectrum Disorders specialization

Admission Procedures:

- Application
- \$40.00 Application fee
- Official transcripts from EVERY college and university attended
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of Objectives
- Copy of NJ Standard Certificate

Application Deadlines:

Priority deadlines of August 1 for Fall.

Applications will be accepted after this date on a space available basis.

Due to the cohort nature of the program, students may not be able to start at the beginning of the spring semester. Please call Patrick Givens at 732-987-2736 to learn when the next program will be launching.

Location:

All required courses are offered at the Communiversy location in Wall Township, NJ.

Tuition:

\$541/credit, plus semester fees (2009-2010 academic year).

Transfer Credit:

Students may transfer up to 6 credits.

Registration & Advisement:

Upon acceptance, students will receive instructions about registration and advisement. Coursework begins in the Fall or Spring semesters. The program is cohort based.

Interested students may schedule an appointment with a Georgian Court admissions counselor by calling 732-987-2700, Attend an information session or by going online to www.georgian.edu

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