Master’s Degree in SPECIAL EDUCATION with AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

THE PROGRAM

The Master’s Degree in Special Education with a concentration in AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD) is a fully online graduate degree, which can be completed in as little as 16 months. The rich curriculum provides foundations and specialized training to work with children and adults with an ASD diagnosis across a variety of school and community settings. Students completing this program and additional certification requirements, are eligible to apply for the State of Florida teaching endorsement in Autism Spectrum Disorder.

COURSES

SPECIAL EDUCATION CORE – 15-18 credits
- Assessing Students with Disabilities
- Enhancing Collaborations between Schools, Communities, & Families of Students with Special Needs
- Instructional Design in Special Education
- Program Evaluation of Special Education Programs, Supports, & Services
- Special Education Leadership, Policy, & Ethics
- Thesis or Field Project (optional)

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER CORE – 15 credits
- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Behavior Change and Management Strategies
- Diagnosis, Assessment, and Instructional Decision-Making for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Intervention for Social, Communication, Academic, and Functional Skills for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder

RESEARCH & STATISTICS CORE – 6 credits
- Educational Research
- Educational Statistics

Fully Online Degree

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To be considered for admission into the Master’s program in the Department of Special Education, applicants must complete a graduate application online through FAU’s Graduate College at https://www.fau.edu/graduate; select M.Ed. in Exceptional Student Education.

Students are admitted for Fall (August) or Spring (January) entry. Application deadlines are: April 15 (Domestic) and February 15 (International) - Fall semester entry. November 1 (Domestic) and July 15 (International) - Spring semester entry.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

**Domestic Applicants**
- Bachelor’s Degree
- An undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 or if GPA is below 3.0, applicants may submit 1 letter of recommendation from (education related field) employer or current/former university instructor
- Personal statement not exceeding three double spaced pages, indicating applicant’s reasons for pursuing a Master’s degree and career goals

**International Applicants**
- Bachelor’s Degree (w/course-by-course evaluation of international transcripts if applicable)
- An undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 or if GPA is below 3.0, applicants may submit 1 letter of recommendation from (education related field) employer or current/former university instructor
- Personal statement not exceeding three double spaced pages, indicating applicant’s reasons for pursuing a Master’s degree and career goals
- TOEFL score of 500 or IBT of 61; IELTS 6.0; Duolingo 90

_Complete Graduate College applications are forwarded to the Department of Special Education for a decision._