Graduate Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorder

Autism Spectrum Disorder Graduate Certificate

The online Graduate Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorder has a focused curriculum designed to prepare graduates to effectively work with children and students across the autism spectrum.

This certificate program provides critical knowledge and practical skills to help address a disorder that is estimated to affect approximately 1 in 68 children in the United States. Students complete a four-course sequence that includes a field work component.

In order to enroll in the online graduate certificate, a Bachelor’s degree is required.

Note that this program does not lead to initial teacher certification or licensure.

Please find additional information on the webpage (https://educationonline.ku.edu/online-degrees/special-education-department/autism-certificate) for the program.

Graduate Admission to the School of Education

Graduate programs in education are open to students with acceptable baccalaureate and graduate degrees whose academic records indicate that they can do successful work at the graduate level. Regular admission requires a grade-point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in prior degrees. Individual departments may require additional information and may have more stringent admission requirements.

Some departments may offer special provisional admission categories to students who may not qualify under regular admission criteria. Departments that offer provisional admission require a grade-point average of at least 2.5. Applicants must provide evidence of ability to work successfully at the graduate level, including experience in and commitment to the profession. Exceptions to established policies must be sought individually by petition to the Graduate Division of the School of Education.

See Admission in the Graduate Studies (http://catalog.ku.edu/graduate-studies) section of the online catalog for more information.

Each department in the School of Education sets its own application deadlines. Prospective graduate students should contact their departments for more information.

To be considered for admission, prospective students must have completed a Bachelor’s degree with a GPA greater than 3.0. Applicants with an Undergraduate GPA below 3.0 should contact an admission advisor for information about provisional admissions.

International applicants must meet English language proficiency requirements. These requirements are located here (http://graduate.ku.edu/english-proficiency-requirements).

For more information about our admission requirements, visit the Department of Special Education (http://sped.soe.ku.edu) website.

Gainful Employment Disclosures


The 13-credit hours required for the online Autism Certificate program include:

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