



School of Graduate Studies and Research

# Autism Spectrum Disorders Endorsement Certificate

The Autism Endorsement Certificate Program consists of 18 credits that enables professionals with a Level I and II state certification to earn the Pennsylvania Department of Education Endorsement Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorder and Edinboro ASD Certificate.

The coursework and related experiences prepare the candidate to become highly trained in research-based assessment, intervention, instruction, and program management for students on the Autism Spectrum. Completion of the core courses will meet requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Education Autism Spectrum Disorder Endorsement.

Candidates seeking certification from a state other than Pennsylvania should follow the procedures required by that specific state. Only international students who hold immigration status and have submitted a form of intent to become a citizen are eligible to apply for certification.

It is the student's responsibility to investigate certification requirements from states other than Pennsylvania.

**Admission Requirements and Procedures:** Visit the [Graduate School webpage](#) and click the "Apply" link on the left side of the screen. Begin by creating an account on CollegeNET by clicking the "account" link on the Apply page. CollegeNET is a self-managed application system. It will allow you to submit admission materials, check the status of your application, and view your decision letter using this account. If you have issues with your CollegeNET account, consult the CollegeNET help desk by submitting a Help Request Form or email [help@collegenet.com](mailto:help@collegenet.com).

Individuals seeking admission as degree students in this program must comply with the general admission requirements for graduate students at Edinboro University and with the following specific admission requirements for this program:

1. Complete the online application.
2. Pay an application fee of \$30.
3. Provide an official transcript verifying an earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.
4. Copy of valid teacher certificate in Special Education (not needed for PA certified teachers).

## Curriculum

### Required Courses - 18 sem. hrs.

18 semester hours of prescribed graduate credits are required for the Edinboro Autism Spectrum Disorder Certificate. These required graduate credits include all of the core courses and two elective courses that should be earned as follows:

#### Core Courses

SHLD 708 Autism Spectrum Disorders and Augmentative/Alternative Communication  
SPED 770 Autism Spectrum Disorders  
SPED 785 Applied Behavior Analysis  
SPED 795 Internship: Endorsement Autism Spectrum Disorders

#### Choose two elective courses from the following:

APSY 796 Crisis Management and Violence Prevention in Schools  
SPED 610 Secondary Transition  
SPED 628 Classroom and School-wide Behavior Management Strategies for Inclusive Settings  
SPED 755 Collaboration, Partnerships, and IEP Development  
SPED 760 Early Intervention and Working with Families

**For More Information:** If you have questions about the application process, please contact Edinboro University's School of Graduate Studies at [gradstudies@edinboro.edu](mailto:gradstudies@edinboro.edu) or at (814)732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890. For questions specific to the MEd in Special Education, please contact Dr. Meghan Ferraro at (814) 732-2410 ([ferrarom@edinboro.edu](mailto:ferrarom@edinboro.edu)).

**Office for Students with Disabilities:** For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with a disability, contact the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD), at (814) 732-2462. For additional information, visit the [OSD web page](#).

**Graduate Assistantships:** [Graduate Assistantships](#) are available for campus based students only. They are awarded on a competitive basis. Admission applications must be completed by February 15<sup>th</sup> to be considered for an assistantship. Assistantships provide a partial waiver of tuition and a stipend, as well as an opportunity to gain experience in research and professional activities. Additional information about assistantships is available through the School of Graduate Studies and Research, (814) 732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890.

**Financial Aid Considerations:** An academic year consists of fall, spring, and summer. Graduate students taking graduate level courses may receive up to \$20,500 in the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program. Most students will use their Stafford loans during the 9 month period (fall and spring). Students will want to be mindful of their financial aid to allow for funding for 12 months if planning on enrolling during the summer term. Students will have an option to apply for Graduate Plus loan or private loans if other funding has been exhausted. For more specific information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (888) 611-2680 or [finaid@edinboro.edu](mailto:finaid@edinboro.edu).

**Employer Reimbursement:** Non-traditional students who are working and taking classes on a part-time basis may have employer-paid education benefits. The purpose of the [employer tuition reimbursement agreement](#) is to allow employees who receive reimbursement to defer payment of their tuition and fees until after grades are available at the end of the semester. Edinboro University accepts employer benefit plans through arrangements with the Bursar's Office by completing the enclosed [employer tuition reimbursement agreement](#).

**Veterans' Education Benefits:** Information and printable forms regarding **Veterans' Education Benefits** and the **Montgomery GI Bill** are available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website, <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>. After the Department of Veterans Affairs approves a student's eligibility, and after the school certifies the student's enrollment, benefits are paid directly to the student after the end of each month.

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