

Old Dominion University

Autism Spectrum Disorders Certificate (Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Certificate)

Admission requirements summary:

Certificate	Test requirements	Additional Requirements
Post-baccalaureate graduate certificate	Passing score: Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests (or VBOE-approve equivalent) or Virginia Collegiate/Postgraduate Professional Teaching License	*Official university transcripts; program entrance requirements

The department of Communication Disorders and Special Education at Old Dominion University is pleased to offer a 12-credit-hour certificate program designed to prepare teachers and related service providers to effectively work with and provide support for students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The Virginia Autism Council has provided a comprehensive list of knowledge and skill statements which are critical to successfully serve students with autism spectrum disorders. In accordance with these knowledge and skill statements, students will be assessed during these courses through case-based learning, practicum assignments and comprehensive examinations designed to demonstrate mastery in the Virginia Autism Council's skill competencies.

All applicants should hold a bachelor's degree in the area of special education. However, individuals who hold a valid teaching license in any educational field may be considered for admittance. Participants are required to earn 12 graduate credits as outlined below. Applicants must be currently admitted to ODU or must complete the graduate non-degree entry process, including the in-state tuition rate form. This coursework can be completed separately from, or integrated into, the ODU Master's Degree in Special Education.

Curriculum	<u>Credits</u>
SPED 625: Characteristics of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders	3
SPED 627*: Instructional Strategies for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders	3
SPED 569: Communication/Language Development and Intervention for Students with Significant Disabilities	3
SPED 621*: Effective Interventions for Children and Youth with Challenging Behavior	3

*45 hour early field experience required.

Upon successful completion of the certificate program, participants will be able to:

- Describe the primary and secondary characteristics of ASD and the impact on socialization, communication, sensory processing disorders, patterns of behaviors, and learning styles.
- Understand and apply theories and research that form the basis of curriculum development and instructional practice.
- Assess and evaluate the function of the behaviors of students with ASD and identify how to provide positive behavioral interventions to replace, reduce or prevent current and/or future behaviors.
- Provide environmental supports and technology adaptations to provide students with ASD the optimal learning environment.

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ODU Application for Autism Certificate Program

1. U.S. Social Security Number _ _ - _ - _ _ _ _

2. Semester and year of entry

3. Name _____
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- Fall _____
- Spring _____
- Summer _____

4. Proposed Curriculum _____

5. Course load

- Full time (9 hours or more)
- Half time (6 to 8 hours)
- Part time (> than 5 hours)

6. Mailing Address _____
street

7. Home Phone () _____ - _____

_____ City State Zip code

8. E-Mail Address _____

9. Work Phone () _____ - _____

10. Residency Are you claiming Virginia residency? No Yes (If yes, must complete the application for in-state tuition rates)

11. Education List in chronological order all educational institutions attended beyond high school, including ODU. Begin with the most recent enrollment; include part time and non-degree studies. Applicants educated outside of the U.S. must indicate all secondary and post-secondary institutions.

Name of Educational institution Location: city, state, country (if not U.S.)	Dates of attendance From mo/yr to mo/yr	Hours attempted GPA	Major	Degree awarded/expected Date awarded/expected

12. Professional Experience List in chronological order all professional experiences, including employment, volunteer work, and internships. Begin with the most recent; include part time and full time employment.

Place of Employment Location: city, state, country	Dates of employment From mo/yr to mo/yr	Position	Direct Supervisor	Job Responsibilities

13. License Enclosed copy of current Virginia Collegiate Professional or Postgraduate Professional License.

14. Certification I certify that the information submitted in support of my application is complete and accurate. I understand that inaccurate information may affect admission and may be grounds for dismissal.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____