



Autism Spectrum Disorders

Programs for Early and K-12 Educators, Service Providers and Parents

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Professional Programs in Autism Spectrum Disorders

With a prevalence of one in 110, more children than ever before are being diagnosed as having an autism spectrum disorder. This increase in identification has led to an emphasis on early intervention and a greater number of professionals providing services for children with ASD. UC Davis Extension is a proud partner of the UC Davis MIND Institute, the international leader in autism research, and continues to lead the field in high-quality continuing education for professionals and parents working directly with preschool or school-aged children with ASD.

Early Education

Offered by the UC Davis MIND Institute in partnership with UC Davis Extension, the *Early Start Denver Model*, developed by Dr. Sally Rogers and Dr. Geraldine Dawson, is designed especially for licensed or certified professionals who provide early intervention and educational services to infant, toddler and preschool-aged children with ASD. The program features in-depth instruction and direct delivery of the ESDM assessment and interactive procedures for building a relationship-based and developmentally comprehensive curriculum.

Early Start Denver Model Introductory Workshop

.6 CEUs.

Learn about the theoretical and empirical framework, curriculum and teaching principles of the Early Start Denver Model (ESDM)—a developmental, behavioral and relationship-based intervention program for infants and toddlers with ASD.

Early Start Denver Model Advanced Workshop

1.8 CEUs.

Gain in-depth training in the curriculum assessment and teaching procedures of the Early Start Denver Model. Learn how to generate and embed a developmentally appropriate teaching curriculum into naturalistic routines for infants and toddlers with ASD.

K-12 Education and Beyond

The nine-unit *Professional Concentration in Autism Spectrum Disorders* has been offered to more than 500 education professionals since 2006 and is now available entirely online. The program provides a strong foundation in the characteristics of children on the spectrum, as well as evidence-based educational interventions and support.

For those who wish to advance their implementation skills and develop the highest level of competency in clinical practice, the *Certificate Program in Autism Spectrum Disorders* offers advanced study in current research, evidence-based practice, and methods for evaluating the fidelity of implementation (assessment, intervention planning and peer support). This program is available to licensed and/or credentialed professionals who work with children in school- or community-based settings or support young adults as they leave the K-12 setting.

ONLINE

Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders

3 quarter units academic credit, X361.10.

Gain an understanding of the characteristics and incidence of autism and the implications for children's learning, behavior and ability to process information. Explore the latest research on potential causes, best practices for assessment and intervention, areas of impairment, as well as current legal and ethical issues related to autism services. Course includes instruction and lectures from the UC Davis MIND Institute, an international leader in the field of autism research.

ONLINE

Applied Behavior Analysis Strategies and Interventions for Autism Spectrum Disorders

3 quarter units academic credit, X361.11.

Explore applied behavior analysis principles and how they can be used in an educational environment to teach various skills and support student behavior. Examine such strategies as positive reinforcement, teaching of functional-equivalent replacement behaviors, shaping, prompting, errorless learning, discrete trial teaching, as well as other naturalistic behavioral strategies. Apply the concepts and principles you learn in class through case studies and other interactive activities.

ONLINE**Best Practice Strategies and Interventions for Autism Spectrum Disorders**

3 quarter units academic credit, X361.12.

Review the many best practices and methodologies for instructing students with autism. A number of evidence-based strategies are covered, including: structured teaching, accommodations, modifications, peer-mediated interventions, self-advocacy and self-awareness training, and strategies for addressing social, play and leisure activities. Participate in simulations and demonstrations, and interact with other students in a cooperative learning environment.

Advanced Seminar in Autism Spectrum Disorders

2 quarter units academic credit, X361.13.

Increase your depth of knowledge about autism spectrum disorders, including current educational research and practice. Conduct both observational and literary research reviews. Develop your capacity to communicate effectively about the characteristics of ASD and current research and evidence-based practices by giving oral and written presentations about identified topics. Evaluation is not only on the accuracy of your research and information in the presentations, but on the level of effectiveness in presenting the content to intended audiences.

Practicum: Advanced Implementation of Evidence Based Practices in Autism Spectrum Disorders

4 quarter units academic credit, X361.14.

Receive guided feedback on the implementation of the evidence-based practices and strategies learned in prior courses, including positive behavior supports and functional assessments, implementation of ABA strategies for teaching skills, use of visual supports and work systems, assessment and teaching of functional communication and social skills. Participants will utilize the skills and tools learned to effectively implement evidence-based practices with students and troubleshoot implementation of evidence-based practices using fidelity measures and implementation checklists.

NEW!**Supporting Transition for Youth (Ages 16-25)**

3 quarter units academic credit, X361.20.

Examine the transition process for students with high-functioning autism (HFA) and Asperger syndrome (AS) who are leaving the K-12 education setting and entering higher education or the workforce. Whether you are an educator, counselor or parent, develop your understanding of the issues involved at transition time and the resources and support services available for transitioning youth.

PROFESSIONAL CONCENTRATION AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

PROFESSIONAL CONCENTRATION REQUIRED COURSES (9 units)					
	Units	F	W	SP	SU
Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders	3	▲	▲	▲	▲
Applied Behavior Analysis Strategies and Interventions for ASD	3	▲		▲	
Best Practices Strategies and Interventions for ASD	3		▲		▲
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM REQUIRED COURSES (15 units)					
	Units	F	W	SP	SU
<i>The certificate program consists of the three required courses that make up the professional concentration plus the following two courses:</i>					
Advanced Seminar in Autism Spectrum Disorders	2	■		■	
Practicum: Advanced Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices	4		■		
■ Classroom format ▲ Online format					

F=Fall W=Winter SP=Spring SU=Summer • Schedules are subject to change. • extension.ucdavis.edu/certificates

EARN YOUR CCTC-APPROVED ADDED AUTHORIZATION

UC Davis Extension's articulation agreement with Project Impact at the San Joaquin County Office of Education provides our graduates an immediate option for completing the requirements for the CCTC-Added Authorization. Those who successfully complete all three professional concentration courses may pursue authorization through Project Impact, having only to complete a one-unit field work requirement. A UC Davis Extension authorization is currently underway.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO ENROLL

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