

ASD CERTIFICATE PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

Question: Who should I contact if I have more questions about the ASD Certificate Program?

Answer: Contact Dr. Sloane Burgess sburgess8@kent.edu

Question: Who can apply to the ASD Certificate Program?

Answer: Anyone who has earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and successfully meets application requirements. Applicants with undergraduate GPAs of below 3.0 may be admitted conditionally – meaning that they will have to earn B or better grades on the first two courses to remain in the program. The program was designed for professionals in the fields of education, special education, speech-language pathology, psychology, counseling and other fields who are involved in the education, assessment, and/or treatment of individuals with ASD and their families.

Question: How do I apply to the ASD Certificate Program?

Answer: Complete the [ASD Certificate Online Application](#).

Applications are accepted at any time but should be submitted 8 weeks prior to the beginning of the semester during which you would like to begin coursework.

Once you have navigated to the [ASD Certificate Online Application](#) make the following selections:

- *Start a New Application*
- *Select Begin a New Application*
- *Select domestic or international student*
- *Select Graduate Student*
- *Select Education Health and Human Services (for academic unit)*
- *Select Non-degree or certificate*
- *Select term you would like to begin*
- *Complete demographic information and when you get to **intended major**, select *Cert - Autism Spectrum Disorders (Post Baccalaureate)**

* Keep a record of your login ID and password (supplied by the application system)

Question: What courses are required and when are they offered if I want to complete the ASD Certificate entirely online?

Answer: The ASD Certificate Program includes a total of five, 3-hour graduate courses and one variable hour Capstone course. The five required 3-hour courses address a broad range of topics related to understanding and supporting individuals and families affected by ASD across the lifespan. The

final course is a 1-3 hour “Capstone” (independent study) that allows participants to apply knowledge learned through participation in the program to a project of interest. Participants enroll in one or two classes each semester. **The following courses are offered to participants taking entirely online coursework.**

Semester	Course	Credit
Fall	SPED 53030 Applied Behavior Analysis I: Theory and Techniques	3
Fall	SPA 64309 ASD: Theory and Diagnosis	3
Spring	SPA 54010 Social Communication Development and Disorders of ASD	3
Spring	SPED 63959 Medical Aspects of Lifespan Disabilities	3
Summer	SPA 64310 ASD: Lifespan Interventions	3
Summer Spring Any semester	SPED 6/73949 ASD Capstone, or SPED 53031 Applied Behavior Analysis II, or Another mutually agreed upon course or workshop	1-3

Question: What are my options if I want to take some courses online and some on-campus?

Answer: The following are options available for participants who would like to take some courses online and some on-campus. When courses are offered multiple semester, the following coding system is applied: **bold** = offered online, regular = offered on-campus. **The following courses are available to participants taking a combination of online and on-campus coursework.**

Semester	Course	Credit
Fall Spring/Summer	SPED 53030 Applied Behavior Analysis I: Theory and Techniques	3
Fall	SPA 64309 ASD: Theory and Diagnosis	3
Spring	SPA 54010 Social Communication Development and Disorders of ASD	3
Spring Fall/Spring	SPED 63959 Medical Aspects of Lifespan Disabilities, or SPED 6/73030 Pharmacological Interventions in SPED	3 3
Summer	SPA 64310 ASD: Lifespan Interventions	3
Summer Fall/Spring/Summer Any Semester	SPED 6/73949 ASD Capstone, or SPED 53031 Applied Behavior Analysis II, or Another mutually agreed upon course or workshop	1-3 3 1-3

Question: Do I have to currently be working with individuals with ASD and/or their families to participate in the ASD Certificate Program?

Answer: No you do not. Many participants complete the coursework prior to beginning their career.

How much does it cost to complete the ASD Certificate Program?

Answer: The cost of courses changes almost yearly. [Click on this link to see the current Tuition and Fees](#) page of the KSU website. You will refer to the document that summarizes per credit tuition fees to ensure you see the most current information. For 2017, the cost of the entire program would be approximately \$9000.00 for Ohio Residents. Participants are eligible for Federal Financial Aid if they

take a minimum of 2 courses per semester. Out of state applicants are encouraged to contact the [Bursar's Office](#).

Question: Are participants enrolled in the ASD Certificate Program eligible for financial aid?

Answer: Participants who are taking a minimum of 6 graduate hours of coursework per semester may be eligible for financial aid. Questions about financial aid should be directed to [Office of Financial Aid](#).

Question: What if I have already taken some of the courses required for the ASD Certificate Program?

Answer: Participants will not be required to repeat Kent State coursework that has been taken within 6 years of completion of the program. Substitutions of coursework can be made with your advisor's approval.

Question: Can I complete the ASD Certificate Program online?

Answer: Yes! Participants have two ways that they can complete the ASD Certificate Program coursework: 1) in a totally online format or 2) in a combined online/on-campus format. Participants **cannot** complete the program entirely on-campus.

Question: Can I transfer credit from another University into the ASD Certificate Program?

Answer: Participants can transfer up to 4 credit hours from another University if the coursework is comparable. Participants may be asked to furnish a syllabus from the course they are transferring in. To transfer credit, participants must submit a [Transfer of Credit Request](#) along with an official transcript documenting completion of the course you wish to transfer to the Office of Graduate Student Services, 418 White Hall. You must have earned a grade of B or better to transfer a course and transferred coursework must be at the graduate level.

Question: What if I also want a master's degree in Special Education, Speech-Language Pathology or another education or health related services field at Kent State University?

Answer: Participants can apply for a master's degree in one of these fields. In most cases, some or all of the ASD Certificate Program coursework will apply toward the master's degree. Participants are encouraged to contact an advisor in their field of interest to learn more about program requirements.

Question: Will the ASD certificate allow me to be a special education teacher for students with ASD?

Answer: No. This program is not a state licensure program. Currently there is no State Licensure specific to teaching students with ASD in the State of Ohio. You will need additional coursework to be a special

education teacher (intervention specialist). Participants are encouraged to contact their advisor to learn more about teacher licensure programs offered by Kent State University.

Question: How do I apply for graduation upon completion of the ASD Certificate Program?

Answer: You can apply for graduation by: 1) Apply online after logging onto your flashline, 2) Apply in person in the Office of Graduate Student Services, 418 White Hall, or 3) [Download the application from http://www.kent.edu/ehhs/ogs/graduation-applications](http://www.kent.edu/ehhs/ogs/graduation-applications), you can then fax it to 330-672-9162.

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