How to apply
Submit an application to the College of Graduate Studies and Research (http://grad.mnsu.edu/applying/) and indicate that you are applying for a non-degree program in autism spectrum disorders.

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The Department of Special Education at Minnesota State University is pleased to announce its new Autism Spectrum Disorders graduate certificate.

Program Strengths
This certificate program is a completely online program so you are able to complete all components of the program from home or wherever you have access to the internet.

You will interact with other students in the class via email, discussion boards, chats, and drop box sharing of assignments, to name just a few.

This certificate has the potential to be used toward the license in ASD when it becomes available through the state.

Program of study: Four 3-credit classes:

1. **SPED 680 Characteristics and Assessment of Children with Autism**
   This class will take an in-depth look at the characteristics of children with autism as well as the historical treatment of these children. This class will look at current assessment methods used to develop education programs.

2. **SPED 681 Teaching Children with Autism**
   This course will focus primarily on educational program development for students with autism. Several evidence-based strategies, including instructional and behavioral, will be taught, and students will create examples of these strategies.

3. **SPED 682 Methods for Students with Asperger Syndrome**
   The purpose of this course is to provide parents, teachers, and caregivers of individuals with Asperger’s Syndrome with background, knowledge, and experience with the diagnosis and characteristics, assessments, functional analysis, various methods and practices, transition planning, all as they relate to students with Asperger’s, support for families, and issues faced by adults with Asperger’s.

4. **SPED 683 ASD Services and Supports across the Lifespan**
   This class will focus on current stressors affecting caregivers and family members dealing with issues related to Autism. This course will also address community services available to individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

Electives: SPED 590 Medical Issues in ASD – this course examines the role and future of medicine and medically oriented interventions for individuals with ASD. SPED 590 - Field Experience in ASD – demonstration of knowledge of 24 evidenced-based strategies.

***Graduates of the undergraduate DCD program through Minnesota State, Mankato. You will need to take 6 additional graduate credits to complete this certificate, along with SPED 682 and 683. Additional information regarding the 6 credits can be obtained by contacting Karen Hurlbutt listed on the back of this brochure.***

Students enrolled in this program have all the rights and responsibilities of Minnesota State University, Mankato students.

For more information visit: www.mnsu.edu/ext