

# AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS, UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The Autism Spectrum Certificate program will train students to help persons with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in numerous settings. Potential students include therapists and family members working with children at home, special and general education teachers working with children in school settings, and job coaches working with young adults and adults in the work place.

Through courses, field experiences, and other planned learning experiences, students will critically examine the characteristics, etiology, and prevalence of ASD and related disorders; understand assessment, diagnosis, and intervention; learn how to work with family members of individuals with ASD; understand the language, communication, and social needs of individuals with ASD; and learn to apply interventions.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Required Core Courses		6
Field Experience Requirement		3
Electives		6
Total Credits		15

## Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Core Courses</b>		
EXCEDUC 560	Foundations of Autism Spectrum Disorders	3
EXCEDUC 561	Methods for Working with Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders	3
<b>Field Experience</b>		
Select one of the following or another field experience approved by the faculty advisor:		3
EXCEDUC 585	Supervised Practicum in Child and Youth Care	
PSYCH 292	Psychology Field Placement-Lower Division	
PSYCH 692	Field Placement in Psychology	
<b>Electives</b>		
Choose two:		6
ED PSY 330	Introduction to Learning and Development	
ED PSY 575	Infant and Early Childhood Assessment	
EXCEDUC 301	American Sign Language I	
EXCEDUC 302	American Sign Language II	
EXCEDUC 303	American Sign Language III	
EXCEDUC 304	American Sign Language IV	
EXCEDUC 305	American Sign Language V	
EXCEDUC 306	American Sign Language VI	

PSYCH 214	Introduction to Conditioning and Learning
PSYCH 260	Child Psychology
PSYCH 502	Applied Behavior Analysis
COMSDIS 351	Clinical Process II: Child Language Disorders

Total Credits 15

## Undergraduate Advising

Our purpose is to provide collaborative, mentoring relationships which promote educational, career, and professional development. We value a student-centered, holistic, and ethical approach to advising based on strong partnerships with students, faculty and staff, and the larger campus community. We are committed to creating a respectful and supportive environment. We encourage students to be self-reliant through informed decisions and choices based upon dissemination of accurate information. We value our own continuous professional development to enhance the quality of the advising experience.

### How to Prepare for an Advising Meeting

- Review your Advisement Report in PAWS (<http://uwm.edu/registrar/academic-unit-services/paws-academic-advisement>).
- Come prepared with questions or topics for discussion.
- Make a list of courses you think you should take.
- Investigate opportunities to prepare for the job you want.
- Keep a record of your academic progress.
- Understand you are ultimately responsible for creating your educational, life, and career plans.
- Maintain honest and open communication with your advisor.
- Take responsibility for choices you make as a student and member of the UW-Milwaukee community.

### Scheduling an Appointment

Office of Student Services  
Enderis Hall, Room 209  
(414) 229-4721  
[soeinfo@uwm.edu](mailto:soeinfo@uwm.edu)

### Walk-In Hours

Walk-in advising is for current School of Education students and is limited to 10-15 minutes. Offered weekly on Thursday from 1-4 PM, these opportunities allow for you to meet briefly with your assigned academic advisor, or an advisor familiar with your program of study.

### Transfer Student Not Yet Enrolled at UWM?

If you are attending a different college or university and would like to transfer to UWM to study in the School of Education and have questions, please connect with our Transfer Advisor, Emilee Schultz, at (414) 229-6019 or [emilee@uwm.edu](mailto:emilee@uwm.edu).

## Graduate Advising

If you are a School of Education graduate student, you may schedule an appointment with your faculty advisor by contacting your faculty advisor directly. Faculty contact information can be found in the People Directory (<https://uwm.edu/education/people>). Your faculty advisor will be listed in your PAWS account. If you are unsure who your advisor is, please contact Graduate Program Admissions Specialist Allison Hochmuth (<https://uwm.edu/education/people/hochmuth-allison>).