

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS (ASDs) POSTBACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE



HELP CHILDREN WITH AUTISM HAVE A VOICE

Purdue University Global's online certificate is designed to develop or enhance your expertise in working with children from birth to age 8 who are affected by ASD.¹ The rise in the number of children diagnosed with autism is projected to increase the demand for professionals who understand the needs of autistic children. This program helps address that demand by preparing you to meet the language, social, behavioral, and educational needs of children with autism. In just 6 months,² you can gain the skills and knowledge to make an immediate impact on your career—and in the lives of the children and families you work with.

WHY STUDY AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER AT PURDUE GLOBAL?

ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS

Complete your coursework 100% online, while meeting the demands of your career. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

SPECIALIZED, RELEVANT KNOWLEDGE

Gain the real-world skills and knowledge to develop early childhood intervention programs for students with ASD, and to support children with autism and their families. The program is ideal for educators and other professionals who are interested in developing additional competencies for working with children with ASD.

FACULTY EXPERTISE

Learn from psychology practitioners with extensive experience in the field. All graduate and postgraduate professors possess a doctorate degree and relevant industry credentials.

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING

Work directly with faculty during online discussion boards and faculty office hours, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

NATIONALLY RANKED AND RESPECTED

Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*.³



CURRICULUM

The curriculum focuses on proactive strategies for language and skill development and behavior intervention. Courses are reviewed and revised continually by industry experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field.

COURSES

- Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders in Young Children
- Language and Social Skill Development for Young Children With Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Teaching Young Children With Autism
- Behavior Intervention and Strategies for Working With Young Children With Autism

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Explain the common characteristics associated with ASD in young children.
- Design materials for effectively communicating with professionals, parents, and caregivers of young children with ASD.
- Identify specific strategies to modify a classroom environment and structure to meet the needs of young children with ASD.

PROGRAM DETAIL

Credit Hours: 24

Program Length: 6 months²

Course Load: 2 courses per term

Terms: 10 weeks long

Start Dates: Throughout the year

Admissions Requirement: Must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

- Master of Science in Psychology
- Master of Science in Educational Psychology
- Applied Behavior Analysis Postbaccalaureate Certificate
- Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis



CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

The demand for skilled professionals who can meet the needs of children with autism is expected to continue growing.

- According to the latest reports, 1 in 54 children are diagnosed with an ASD, which is a 9% increase in prevalence nationally from 1 in 59 two years earlier.⁴
- Job growth for professionals who work with children with ASD—such as **occupational therapists, speech pathologists, physical therapists, and social workers**—is projected to be much faster than the average from 2019 to 2029.⁵
- Demand is also growing faster than average for **psychologists** equipped to work with children with ASD.⁵
- Job opportunities for **educators and teachers** in the areas of early childhood intervention or working with students who have ASD or other disabilities are also projected to grow.⁵ Federal funding for autism services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the need for individualized education plans should also drive the demand for educators with experience in this area.⁶

CENTER FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT

Our Career Specialists connect students with job and networking opportunities and offer the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES

Roles

This program is ideal for those working in the following types of roles:

- Special educators
- School psychologists
- Speech-language pathologists (SLPs)
- Physical therapists
- Occupational therapists
- Tutors
- Early intervention specialists
- Parent educators
- Social workers/social service professionals
- Early childhood development professionals
- Educational consultants
- Behavior specialists
- Teachers and teacher's aides

Settings

Graduates could work in a variety of environments that support or work with children with autism, including:

- Schools and school districts (grades K–3)
- Human services agencies
- Childcare facilities
- Day care programs
- Hospital or medical facilities
- Government or nonprofit programs

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

Purdue Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The HLC (HLCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

- 1 Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. The professional practice of psychology is regulated by each state. The professional practice of psychology is regulated by each state, and the degree requirements of this program do not guarantee or prepare students for licensure in any state upon graduation.
- 2 Completion time based on a full-time schedule. Program will take longer for part-time students to complete.
- 3 Source: www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states. Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.
- 4 Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Data & Statistics on Autism Spectrum Disorder*, March, 2020.
- 5 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Occupational Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Physical Therapists, Social Workers, Psychologists, and Special Education Teachers. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.
- 6 Source: Disability.gov, *Individuals With Disabilities Education Act*.