



# Pittsburg State University

Pittsburg, KS

## Department of Teaching and Leadership

### Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders

The ASD Certificate program is a 15 hour non-degree program designed to certify that participants have specialized knowledge and skills regarding the characteristics and methods of assessment and teaching individuals with ASD. The program includes two strands: one for “classic” autism and one for “higher functioning” autism/Asperger syndrome. Students may take an additional 3 hours to earn a dual certificate in “classic” autism and higher functioning autism/Asperger syndrome

Graduate students in the Special Education Master of Science degree program may use some of these courses to meet degree requirements with the permission of their advisor and course instructor. They may also complete the 15-18 credit hour program and receive the ASD Certificate in conjunction with their Master’s degree. Undergraduate students may begin the Certificate program in their final semester with approval from their advisor and the ASD Certificate Coordinator.

#### Admission Requirements:

- The candidate must hold a Bachelor’s degree or be in their final semester of a PSU undergraduate program
- Undergraduate degree; 3.0 GPA or admitted with condition

#### Procedural Steps for Certificate:

1. Apply through the Office of Graduate Studies to the Autism Certificate Program
2. Submit an official transcript
3. The student must petition for completion of the Certificate program during their last semester

#### Required Courses

SSLS 812	Characteristics of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders .....	3
SSLS 814	Teaching Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders: Strategies for School and Community .....	3
SSLS 750	Assessment in Special Education.....	3

#### Specialization Area Classic Autism Strand (Choose one or both)

SLP 869 CC Topics in SLP/AUD: Autism Spectrum Disorders: Social-Communication Issues (from Fort Hays State) .....	3
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#### High Functioning Autism/Asperger Syndrome Strand

SSLS 821	Teaching Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders: Strategies for Building Social Relationships .....	3
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#### Electives (3 credit hours)

SSLS 747	Autism Workshops.....	1-3
SSLS 749	The Kansas Instructional Support Network Training Series .....	3

SSLS 822	Seminar in Special Education Law.....	3
SSLS 823	Teaching Students with ASD in the Inclusive Classroom.....	2
SSLS 827	Teaching Students with ASD: Understanding Sensory Processing Issues ....	1
SSLS 829	Teaching Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders: Issues in Transition ..	3