

# SPECIAL EDUCATION, MASTER OF EDUCATION (MED) - CONCENTRATION IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

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This program will be a 36 credit M.Ed. On-line Program that emphasizes teaching children with Autism in school environments. The proposed program is the result of a regional and national need to prepare public school teachers and private school teachers with more background information on the Autism Spectrum Disorders including Rett Syndrome, Childhood Disintegrative Disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, Autism, and PDD-NOS. Like the current supervision program offered out of the Special Education Department, we believe we can attract at least 20 candidates on an annual basis to commit to this M.Ed. Program. The program will be offered to students that already have an Instructional I or II Certification in Special Education from Pennsylvania or another state. In-service teachers with certification in other areas can also take the courses in this program for Act 48 continuing education credit but are not eligible for the M.Ed. This M.Ed. Program is a specialized degree that will allow professionals to obtain very specific teaching positions working in Autism Support Classrooms that require teaching techniques such as ABA and TEACCH. A comprehensive understanding of special education is necessary for this type of position. The program will be entirely online with 20 field hours required in each class. All courses in the program meet or exceed standards and competencies established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

## Related Links

Special Education - Autism Spectrum Disorders, MEd Program Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/graduate-programs/special-education-autism-master-of-education/>)

Special Education Department Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/coe/departments/special-education/>)

Special Education - Autism Fact Sheet (<https://www.sru.edu/documents/programs/factsheets/graduate/FS-SPED-Autism.pdf>)