Autism Spectrum Disorder

Technical Certificate

This three course certificate is designed for child care providers, paraprofessionals, classroom teachers, family members, and caregivers. These courses promote understanding of the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and provide practical strategies for supporting individuals on the Spectrum. Additionally, courses raise awareness on how to navigate the community services and supports to promote educational and social success for those with ASD across the lifespan.

Program Outline

TERM 1

Course #	Course Title	Credits
1030720100	Autism Spectrum Disorder Overview This course will provide an overview of Autism Spectrum Disorder including: common characteristics, terminology, etiology, diagnostic criteria, treatments, as well as environmental interventions and supports.	3.00
1030720200	Autism Strategies Techniques and Tools This course will provide knowledge about common tools and strategies to support people with Autism Spectrum Disorders in a variety of environments. Participants will develop the skills needed to design materials and interventions such as: social stories, picture communication, behavioral techniques, and implementing common instructional strategies.	3.00
1030720300	Autism Navigating Life Transitions This course will cover how and when to make referrals to agencies as well as what state and local services are available for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Participants will gain knowledge of transitional issues and challenges at all stages of life (birth-3, early childhood, school-age, post-secondary/vocational, etc.).	3.00

Total Credits: 9.00

Talk with a Success Coach about the program outline. Together, you will determine if credits you've already earned satisfy any requirements, discuss possible alternative courses, and choose the best classes if you're thinking of transferring.

At A Glance

How You'll Learn

Term Starts

Spring 2026

January 12 - 16-Week Spring Term Start

Summer 2026
May 18 - 12-Week Summer Term Start

Start dates represent the beginning of a new term. Certain programs or courses may not be available to start every term. Please view the course schedules for a list of upcoming classes or contact the Welcome Center at 715-365-4493.

VIEW FULL ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Program Tuition*

$1,458

Books & Supplies*

$114

*Total cost for degree completion is estimated by current course requirements, books, and supplies. Tuition and fees are set by the Wisconsin Technical College System and subject to change.

▸ **Potential Indirect Costs**

What You'll Learn

- Describe the common signs and symptoms of Autism Spectrum Disorder and demonstrate awareness of the diagnostic criteria.
- Utilize practical strategies, techniques, and tools for working with individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- Demonstrate ability to navigate the agencies, systems, and supports to assist individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder in daily life.

Your Potential Careers

- K-12 Paraprofessionals,Teachers, and Special Education Teachers in school districts
- Head Start and Early Head Start Teachers, Teacher Assistants, and Home Visitors
- Infant, Toddler, Preschool, and School-Age Teachers and Teacher Assistants in Child Care Settings
- Directors and Administrators in Child Care Settings
- Personal Care Workers in group homes
- Early Intervention Professionals (Birth to Three, Children's Hospital, etc)
- Behavior Technicians for Autism ABA therapy
- Parents, Families, and Caregivers
- Child Life Specialists in hospital/clinics
- Support Staff in Child Care Settings (Bus Drivers, Cooks, etc)

Median Annual Salary

$58,871	$58,871	$62,405

Get Started

Your application can be submitted online, it takes just a few minutes to complete.

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