



Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Postbaccalaureate Certificate

Help Children With Autism Have a Voice.

Kaplan University's Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) Postbaccalaureate Certificate is designed to develop or enhance your expertise in working with children from birth to age 8 who are affected by ASDs.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 the demand by preparing students to meet the language, social, behavioral, and educational needs of children with autism.

In just 6 months of full-time study², our certificate program could help you enhance your skills as they relate to working with children with autism. Our online platform allows you to access our user-friendly classes 24/7. And the curriculum goes beyond the knowledge you find in a textbook—courses are designed and taught by professors with firsthand knowledge of their field.

Empower People and Drive Change.

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences offers a wide breadth of graduate and undergraduate academic programs designed to develop professionals, leaders, and change agents in fields that make a difference in response to human and societal causes, issues, and needs.

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The Need for Professionals Who Can Help Children With Autism Is Expected to Grow.

Children with an ASD face significant social, communication, and behavioral challenges. The need for skilled professionals who can meet the needs of children with autism is expected to grow. According to the Centers for Disease Control, 1 in 68 children were identified with an ASD in 2010.³ Additionally, trained professionals who can work with the approximately 3.5 million Americans affected with an autism spectrum disorder and their families are expected to be in demand.⁴

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, job growth for professionals who work with children with disabilities or in childcare settings is projected to be between 5 and 27%, depending on occupation, through 2024.⁵ In addition, job opportunities for educators may be better in the areas of early childhood intervention or working with students who have ASDs or other disabilities.⁶

Another factor that could also contribute to demand is the need for individualized education plans under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). IDEA mandates that states provide all eligible children with a free and appropriate public education that meets their unique needs. Federal funding for autism services under IDEA improves the sustainability and opportunity for jobs in this area.⁷

Kaplan University's postbaccalaureate certificate program could help prepare professionals to meet the growing demand for skilled workers who can meet the needs of children with autism and their families.

Prepare for a Wide Range of Opportunities With One Certificate

The Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Postbaccalaureate Certificate is designed for educators and other professionals working with children who are interested in developing additional competencies for working with children with ASDs.⁵

The certificate program could help you gain the skills to develop and execute proactive strategies for working with young children with autism, their families, and other professionals. The certificate could benefit individuals who want to further enhance or hone their skills, including, but not limited to:

- Special educators
- School psychologists
- Speech language pathologists
- Special education paraprofessionals
- Physical therapists
- Occupational therapists
- Tutors
- Early intervention specialists

- Parent educators
- Social service professionals
- Early childhood development professionals
- Educational consultants
- Behavior specialists
- Social workers
- Teachers and teacher's aides

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates could work in a variety of work environments that support or work with children with autism, including:¹

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

Additional certification, training, or licensing may be required for certain positions. Students should research the requirements in any organization in which they intend to seek employment.

Real-World Knowledge That Works.

Kaplan University's Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Postbaccalaureate Certificate program gives you the opportunity to acquire skills and knowledge to assist you in developing early childhood intervention programs for all students with ASDs, and to hone in on or enhance your professional skills to support children with autism and their families.

Our certificate program could help you grow or specialize within your field. Coursework is designed to help you:

- Demonstrate foundational knowledge of ASDs
- Assess appropriate communication skills for working with professionals, parents, and caregivers of children with ASDs
- Evaluate ethical and professional practices in the field of ASDs

Program Detail

Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Postbaccalaureate Certificate

Credit Hours: 24

Program may not be available in all states. Contact an Admissions Advisor for details.



Here Is What One Graduate Had to Say About the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Catie Behling

› Graduate, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

“The faculty were very helpful. Many of them were professionals before becoming professors in the field, and their expertise and knowledge in the field were valuable to us as students. I do think Kaplan University prepared me well for working with families.”

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Why Kaplan University?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection
- Personal advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals
- Reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, including Guard and Reserve, and veterans
- A portfolio development course that could help translate your work and life experiences into college credit⁹

Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

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

Note From the Dean

“The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences degree programs are created to meet the unique needs of students. Whether students are interested in the flexibility of creating their own degree plan, applying previously earned college credit to earn their degree faster, or starting a degree from the beginning, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences focuses on the needs of adult students in pursuing their educational, career, and personal goals.”

Sara Sander

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Dean and Vice President,
College of Social
and Behavioral Sciences



IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer and gainful employment information, visit www.kaplanuniversity.edu/student-consumer-information.aspx.

¹ Kaplan University cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional certification or licensing may be required to work in certain fields. Students should research the requirements in the state in which they intend to seek employment.

² Completion time based on a full-time schedule. Program will take longer for part-time students to complete.

³ Source: Center for Disease Control Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (2014) Prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorders Among Children Aged 8 Years—Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network, 11 Sites, United States, 2010. March 28, 2014/63(SS02); 1–21, www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss6302a1.htm?s_cid=ss6302a1_w.

⁴ Source: Autism Society, “Facts and Statistics,” www.autism-society.org/what-is/facts-and-statistics.

⁵ Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-2017 Edition, Occupational Therapists, www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/occupational-therapists.htm; Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists, www.bls.gov/ooh/Life-Physical-and-Social-Science/Psychologists.htm; Speech-Language Pathologists, www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/speech-language-pathologists.htm; Childcare Workers, www.bls.gov/ooh/personal-care-and-service/childcare-workers.htm. 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: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-2017 Edition, Special Education Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarten, and Elementary School, www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/special-education-teachers.htm.

⁷ Source: Disability.gov, Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, www.disability.gov/individuals-disabilities-education-act-idea/.

⁸ Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at the University will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu and www.kaplanuniversity.edu/Kaplan_Commitment.pdf. Application fee waived for campus and learning center students through December 31, 2017.

⁹ Kaplan University does not guarantee the transferability of credit. See the University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment Policy.

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