Program Requirements: 9 Credit Hours

Program Purpose
The Autism Endorsement program develops highly skilled special education autism certified teachers who can demonstrate and explicitly explain:

- how to plan systematic instruction based on learner characteristics, interests, and ongoing assessment;
- specialized instruction to enhance social participation across environments to include formal and informal social interactions;
- how to plan instruction for independent functional life skills and adaptive behavior;
- how to plan and implement instruction and related services – with enhanced knowledge of assistive technology - for individuals with autism spectrum disorders that is both age-appropriate and ability-appropriate;
- specialized curriculum designed to meet the needs of individuals with autism spectrum disorders;
- how to involve individuals with autism spectrum disorders in the transition planning process; and
- how to plan instruction for independent functional life skills and adaptive behavior.

Admission Requirements
1. An earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.
2. A minimum overall undergraduate grade point average of 2.50.
3. Hold a Level 4 or higher, renewable professional certificate in any teaching or service field.
4. A current clear criminal background check conducted as directed by the College of Education.

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