



### **Course Description**

#### **EEX4931 | Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders | 1.00 credit**

The student will identify the legislation associated with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), discuss the characteristics of ASD, understand the nature and needs of ASD, identify positive behavioral interventions, appropriate curricula and assessment modifications, as well as discuss the impact of home, school, and community relationships on students with ASD.

### **Course Competencies**

**Competency 1:** The student will learn the foundations and fundamentals of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) by:

1. Identifying state and federal legislation that have led to the inclusion of students with ASD in the general education classroom
2. Summarizing the etiological causes of ASD supported by the educational and medical research literature
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4. Discussing the myths and misconceptions associated with ASD
5. Defining ASD and characteristics of students with ASD
6. Explaining how ASD affects communication and interactions with others

**Competency 2:** The student will examine appropriate instructional and behavioral interventions for students with ASD by:

1. Citing positive interventions to remediate specific behavioral challenges associated with ASD
2. Identifying social and emotional interventions to help students with ASD develop appropriate behaviors
3. Recognizing varying types of classroom management approaches to meet the individual needs of students with ASD
4. Comparing and contrasting accommodations and modification for students with ASD
5. Selecting appropriate research-based teaching strategies and assessments for use with students with ASD
6. Identifying appropriate instructional methods for supporting students with ASD (i.e., appropriate based on student's age, instructional needs, and functional performance)
7. Identifying Universal Design strategies for providing instructional support in general education settings for students with ASD
8. Discussing the effect of home, school, and community relationships on the behavior and learning of students with ASD

### **Learning Outcomes:**

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society