

Understanding the Needs of Students with Autism: **NYSED Autism Certification Course**



New York State Education Law requires individuals applying for licensure to have completed three hours of coursework in *Understanding the Needs of Students with Autism*.

This course will review the definitions of Autism. The prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in children will be discussed. Common characteristics on the Autism spectrum will be covered including: Autistic Disorder, Pervasive Development Disorder not otherwise specified, Asperger's Syndrome, Childhood Disintegrative Disorder, and Rhetts's Disorder. The traits associated with Autism: delays in language, challenges with social interactions, communication, and sensory integration problems will also be discussed.

There will be a focus on evidence-based instructional methods/ interventions for working with students with Autism. Three main strategies will be highlighted: Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA), Sensory Integration Therapy and TEACCH - Structured Teaching. Positive behavior supports, effective collaboration and resources will be examined.

Dutchess BOCES will provide an authorized Certification of Completion upon completing this course. Documentation in the form of an authorized Certification of Completion must be submitted to the State Education Department by the participant.

DATES/TIMES:

(Choose one of the following)

September 30: 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

October 21: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

November 18: 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

December 16: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

January 27: 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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