Tuition

- Tuition is assessed per credit and University technology and library fees are assessed each semester. For current fees, visit www.jefferson.edu/registrar/tuition.cfm.
- Employers may have funds budgeted to pay for tuition, either as tuition reimbursement programs or continuing education funds.
- Jefferson alumni receive a 25% tuition discount.

Professional Development Units

Professional Development Units (PDU) for these courses are available through your professional organization.

For more information:

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Advanced Practice Certificate

Autism: Emerging as Leaders in Practice and Research

Offered by the Department of Occupational Therapy

Jefferson School of Health Professions
Advanced Practice Certificate

Autism: Emerging as Leaders in Practice and Research

- Explore evidence-based research
- Learn assessment strategies
- Design research-based interventions

This specialty certificate offers registered and licensed clinicians advanced knowledge about autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and skills for working with persons who have ASD. Courses are taught by experts in the field.

Program features:
- Four graduate level courses (a total of 12 credits)
- Courses are given in 8-week blocks starting in September
- The certificate can be completed in 12 months
- Designed for busy professionals; all courses are 100% online

The Jefferson Difference
- Technology and information. Students use the latest distance learning tools including discussion boards, synchronous online presentations and live chat to participate in a community of learners. They also have access to experts on specific topic areas and a variety of professional journals and other online resources through the Scott Memorial Library.

Curriculum
The curriculum consists of four graduate-level courses (a total of 12 credits) that can be used toward a doctoral degree.

Course Descriptions

OT 761 Autism: The State of the Field (3 credits)
- Update knowledge of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)
- Overview of evidence-based treatments for ASD
- Articulate the unique role of occupational therapy for ASD

OT 762 Assessment Strategies for Individuals with Autism (3 credits)
- Learn contemporary skills and strategies for assessment of ASD
- Learn and apply a variety of research-based assessment methodologies and strategies for ASD
- Understand the application of these methodologies and strategies in a variety of settings, including educationally-relevant settings and curricula, community-based programs and home programs
- Learn the skills needed to participate as an interdisciplinary evaluation team member

OT 763 Lifespan Intervention for Autism Across Practice Contexts (3 credits)
- Describe intervention approaches for persons with autism that are based on sensory integration theory, behavior and learning theory
- Identify strategies that support the participation of individuals with autism in occupational pursuits in home, school, work or community-based settings
- Apply evidence-based approaches within intervention to support participation of individuals with autism in education, work and leisure/recreation occupations
- Implement measurement strategies to document accomplishment of intervention outcomes
- Identify strategies that support successful transition to adulthood by individuals with autism

OT 764 Autism: Treating the Whole Person in Context (3 credits)
- Apply evidence-based principles to practice
- Learn strategies to identify, plan and document data driven treatment strategies
- Apply a systematic clinical reasoning process, including hypothesis generation and testing, to clinical practice
- Apply these skills to practice through development of an in-depth case report for publication