Tuition
• Tuition is assessed per credit and University technology and library fees are assessed each semester. For current fees, visit Jefferson.edu/tuition.
• Employers may have funds budgeted to pay for tuition either through tuition reimbursement programs or continuing education funds.
• Jefferson alumni receive a 25% tuition discount.
• Advanced education grants available to support tuition.

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

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Advanced Practice Certificate
Autism: Emerging as Leaders in Practice and Research
Offered by the Department of Occupational Therapy

Thomas Jefferson University
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Advanced Practice Certificate

Autism: Emerging as Leaders in Practice and Research

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

This specialty certificate offers 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 10 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 online chat to participate in a community of learners. They have the opportunity to work with leaders in the field. They also have access to 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 graduate 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
• Understand the diagnosis of ASD

OT 762 Assessment Strategies for Individuals with Autism (3 credits)
• Learn contemporary skills and strategies for assessment of ASD
• Learn and apply Data Driven Decision Making to assessment practices
• Apply assessment data findings to create individually-tailored, evidence-based interventions
• Learn the skills needed to participate as an interdisciplinary evaluation team member

OT 763 Lifespan Intervention for Autism Across Practice Contexts (3 credits)
• Apply evidence-based approaches within intervention to support participation of individuals with autism in education, work and leisure/recreation occupations
• Utilize outcome measurement to evaluate effectiveness of interventions
• Identify strategies that support successful transition to adulthood by individuals with autism

OT 764 Autism: Treating the Whole Person in Context (3 credits)
• Be guided to use Data Driven Decision Making in your practice
• Complete a systematic case report of a client in your current practice setting
• Work with faculty to submit your case report for publication