



College of Education and Professional Development
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Autism Coursework at Marshall University

Marshall University's College of Education and Professional Development (COEPD) offers graduate coursework specific to teaching students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The coursework can be taken alone to fulfill the West Virginia Autism Teaching Endorsement or as an addition to coursework leading to certification or a master's degree in multi-categorical special education or education. The coursework also can be taken as part of the Alternative Multi-Categorical Master's Degree Program. For more information about graduate programs, please visit the [COEPD website](#).

Both the autism courses, CISP 527 (Introduction to Autism) and CISP 662 (Instructional Characteristics of Autism), are offered online and there are no requirements to come to campus. Students **must** take CISP 527 before taking CISP 662 and be able to work with a student with ASD during the second course. The course sequence begins each fall and summer.

Below is a description of the various options students have regarding taking ASD coursework at Marshall University.

Stand-Alone WV Autism Teaching Endorsement Courses

Teachers holding current certification in multi-categorical, emotional/behavioral disorders, mental impairment (mild/moderate), severe disabilities or preschool special needs may add an endorsement in autism. Teachers can apply for the autism endorsement, through the WV Department of Education, by successfully completing CISP 527 and CISP 662. Those who are only interested in taking the autism courses should apply for admission to MU as a nondegree graduate student.

Multi-Categorical Masters or Certification with the WV Autism Teaching Endorsement

Students wanting to complete graduate coursework leading to certification and/or earn a master's degree in multi-categorical special education can complete the two additional online autism courses as part of their course of study to qualify for the autism endorsement.

Education Master's Degree: Individualized Plan of Study

This degree allows students to customize their plan of study according to their individual interests and needs. This option may be beneficial to those students qualifying for financial aid who want to include the autism courses in their plan of study.

Alternative Master's Program

The Alternative Multi-Categorical Special Education Master's degree is for students who do not have an undergraduate degree in education. Students in this program may complete the autism courses in addition to the coursework required for this degree.

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