



• Curriculum and Instruction for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders •

Instructor: Kathryn Whitaker, M.Ed.

Who should attend: Special educators and administrators, classroom teachers, paraeducators

WORKSHOPS ONLY: October 22 and October 23, 2018

10/22/18: Day one will include exploration beyond the DSM-5 Criteria to a small cluster of autism characteristics and how they impact learning. Participants will consider the necessary components of a well-rounded program for children with autism across multiple domains. Participants will learn how to make decisions around instructional methods, curriculum, and will begin to explore assessment tools and curriculum guides for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

10/23/18: In day two, participants will explore tools for planning and following through with individualized curriculum to provide functional, appropriate instruction and assessment while maximizing meaningful inclusion. Participants will also learn strategies to support children with autism in reading, written language and math.

Graduate Course Option (3 credits): Start with the 2 workshops and complete work online.

This course will provide participants with an overview of assessment, curriculum and instructional strategies based on current research for children with autism spectrum disorder. Collaborative teaming and inclusion will also be discussed and practiced. The course will address students at all ability levels and focus on the development of academic skills, including reading (comprehension and production), writing (expression and mechanics) and math (operations and problem solving). Students taking this course will conduct a review of research for children with ASD, in a selected area of interest, and apply their knowledge and skills in a comprehensive case study.

Kathryn is an instructor and presenter for the VT-HEC Autism program. She is an autism consultant for North Country Supervisory Union in Vermont. In her current position, she serves thirteen schools as a consultant and trainer for children with autism spectrum and other neurodevelopmental disorders.

Dates: October 22 and October 23, 2018

Time: 8:30-3:30

Place: Capitol Plaza
Montpelier, VT

Cost: Workshop: \$190 per day
Course: \$1590 (includes workshops and on-line component)

Please inquire with Capitol Plaza reservations (802-223-5252) about discounted hotel rates for the evening prior to this event.



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