

**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT  
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**Masters in Special Education and  
Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Graduate Certificate**

*Due to overlap in the requirements of the two programs, students are able to complete these programs concurrently.*

	<i><b>Masters in Special Education Program (30 credits minimum)</b></i>	<i><b>Autism Spectrum Disorders Graduate Certificate (15 credits)</b></i>
<b>Coursework applies to both MEd and certificate program</b>	<b>Reading 3 cr. (EDSE 636 or 503 or 557 or 625)</b>	<b>EDSE 636 Supporting Communication and Literacy for Individuals with Autism (3 cr.)</b>
	<b>Collaboration 3 cr. (EDSE 637 or 662 or 663 or 664)</b>	<b>EDSE 637 Autism Across the Lifespan: Collaboration with Critical Partners (3 cr.)</b>
<b>Certificate courses can apply as electives in the MEd program</b>	<b>15 cr. electives that can be any Special Education courses (EDSE or EDAT)*:</b>  <i>NOTE: Twelve of the fifteen elective credits can be met with the ASD certificate courses EDSE 620, 634, 635, 638.</i>	<b>EDSE 620 Supporting the Behavior and Sensory Needs of Individuals with Autism (3 cr.)</b>
		<b>EDSE 634 Characteristics of Individuals with Autism (3 cr.)</b>
		<b>EDSE 635 Interventions for Individuals with Autism (3 cr.)</b>
		<b>EDSE 638 Autism Spectrum Disorder: Issues in Assessment and Intersectionality</b>
<b>Required for MEd only</b>	<b>EDSE 501 Intro to Spec Educ (3 cr.)</b>	
	<b>EDSE 517 Comp Applic Spec Pop (3 cr.)</b>	
	<b>EDSE 590 Spec Educ Research (3 cr.)</b>	
<b>Credits</b>	<b>Total credits for MEd: 30</b>	<b>Total credits for certificate: 18</b>
	<b><i>Total credits if completing both MEd and certificate: 30**</i></b>	

If you have questions or would like further information, please visit our website at <https://education.gmu.edu/special-education/> or call 703-993-3670.