



NATURE & NEEDS, ASSESSMENT, & DIAGNOSIS OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER WITH FIELD EXPERIENCE

80 Inservice Points

Course Start Date: August 5, 2024

Course End Date: November 1, 2024

Content:

- Participants will be able to identify characteristics associated with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), demonstrate an understanding of current trends and research-based methodologies used to create appropriate instructional programs for these students, and become familiar with formal and informal assessments used for diagnosis and instructional planning.
- This 12-week course is one of the three courses for the completion of the Autism Spectrum Disorder Endorsement.

Requirements:

- Attend Mandatory Zoom Meetings
- Use of computer with internet access and camera
- Submit all assignments within the course deadlines

Course assignments require participants to implement strategies with students with Autism

Registration Information:

- DeSoto, Glades, and Hendry teachers:
<https://bit.ly/ASD-Registration-2024>
- Highlands teachers:
Register in your PLM Portal - Course name: "2425 FDLRS: ASD Nature and Needs"

Registration Deadline: August 1, 2024



Zoom Meeting Dates:

Mandatory:

- August 5: 5:00-7:00 PM
- August 26: 5:00-7:00 PM
- September 16: 5:00-7:00 PM
- October 7: 5:00-7:00 PM

Instructor:

- Cathy Gonzalez
ESE Specialist; Autism Coach

Participants should verify with their school district that ASD Endorsement courses are in the District's Professional Learning Catalog, that the courses have been approved by the district, and are eligible for points. Please be advised that an endorsement is a rider on a valid Florida teaching certificate with another subject coverage. It cannot stand alone on the certificate. It is important to note that this add-on endorsement can only be added to your professional certification in conjunction with certification in any exceptional student education area.

For additional information or questions, please contact: Lisa Shin: lisa.shin@heartlanded.org

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