

## **Autism Spectrum Disorder Add-on Endorsement**

The Brevard Public Schools Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Add-on Endorsement Program is a state approved, three-course program which teachers in Brevard can complete in order to request the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) to add ASD Endorsement to their teaching certificates. This program is designed to enable participants to add an area to an already-existing teaching certificate; once added, the ASD Endorsement remains on the certificate as long as the teacher holds a valid teaching certificate in Florida. The certificate area(s) eligible to participate in the endorsement must be a bachelor's or higher in exceptional student education.

Brevard County teachers who have ASD students in their classes and teachers who wish to add the ASD Endorsement to their certificates in order to service ASD students in their classes are the primary target groups for this program.

Three courses comprise the program:

### **REQUIRED TRAINING COMPONENTS**

Component Number	Master Plan Points	Component Title
2103001A	80	Nature and Needs, Assessment, and Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders with Field Experience
5101001A	80	Applied Behavior Analysis and Positive Behavior Supports for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders with Field Experience
3100001A	80	Augmentative/Alternative Communication Systems and Assistive/Instructional Technology for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders with Field Experience

Each completed inservice course is the equivalent of a four-semester-hour college course; 80 inservice points are credited to the teacher upon successful completion of each course. These courses are "all or none"; either the participant completes the entire course and earns 80 credits, or he/she earns no credits for partial completion. The inservice courses are not convertible to college credit; and currently we do not accept credits from other institutions. To use the courses for certification in Gifted Endorsement, all three courses must be successfully completed within the rules of the program. All three courses are offered within a two-year time span currently, and all three courses are offered online. The course cost is subsidized by the district (FDLRS), therefore course participants do not pay a fee to attend.

For information about program content and current registration information, contact Rose Ann Roth, 633-1000, ext. 11534.