# Graduate Certificate in Autism





The Graduate Certificate in Autism is an online course that has been designed to provide professionals and parents, with the knowledge and skills required to create learning environments and programs to support the successful learning and employment of individuals on the autism spectrum.

## WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

The Graduate Certificate in Autism Learning is specifically designed to provide professionals and parents in multidisciplinary areas with the knowledge and skills required to support the successful learning and employment of individuals with autism spectrum disorder in a variety of school, home and community settings. Students in this program will review the current research and will be guided in analysing this research and demonstrating its application for the implementation of effective learning and employment programs and the community and societal policies and structures that frame these programs. Students will also have an opportunity to explore the latest research and knowledge in relevant areas such as use of technology, collaborative communities of practice, leadership, transitions, and brain research

## Specifically students will:

- examine the key principals of diagnosis and assessment and reflect on how the history of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) has led to current beliefs and the development of programs for individuals with ASD and their families.
- learn to conduct environmental assessments and implement key strategies to adjust the environment and to build in structure and supports to enhance different learning environments for individuals with ASD.
- review the current research on evidence-based practice and will be guided in utilising this research in practice for the implementation of effective learning and employment programs.
- explore the latest research and knowledge in relevant areas such as use of technology, collaborative communities of practice, leadership, transitions, and self-determination of individuals on the autism spectrum.



## **DELIVERY**

This subject will be offered fully online. Students will engage with learning using innovative processes and technology including interactive online lectures, videos, online social networking and peer support, reflective activities, readings and a face-to-face workshop option. All essential content will be delivered online, but students will have the option to participate in a face-to-face workshop to network and work together on practical components. These activities will be offered online as well to maximize learning for students with different learning styles and needs.

## **THIS DEGREE**

Completing this degree will provide students with an opportunity to develop advanced knowledge in the field of autism. This will enable them to develop the knowledge they need to work with individuals with autism in a variety of education, support and employment programs. This program will also serve as a pathway for students to move into more advanced study and research in the field of autism spectrum disorder.

**DURATION** - 1 year part-time

**CAMPUS** - Wollongong **DELIVERY** - Distance

#### **CREDIT TRANSFER**

All subjects successfully completed in the Graduate Certificate will count as credit towards the Master of Education (Special Education) upon successful transfer to the Master's degree.

Commonwealth Supported places are also available in some postgraduate coursework degrees in the Faculty of Social Sciences subject to quota availability.

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