The Advanced Certificate Program in Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) was developed to provide additional education and training to post-baccalaureate students (with a bachelor’s or a master’s degree) in order to enable them to work with individuals with ASD and their families at a heightened level of expertise. The coursework and fieldwork opportunities will reflect a range of educational approaches and services available for persons with ASD. The approach is eclectic and will include, but not be limited to, Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA), natural learning paradigms, developmental relationship-based models, and common practices of teaching in the field of ASD. Various philosophical, educational, psychological, and clinical paradigms will be incorporated.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The program consists of 12 credits (four 3-credit courses):
- Autism Spectrum Disorders: Contemporary Issues
- Treatment Approaches, Applications, and Methods for Individuals with Autism (ASD) Part I
- Treatment Approaches, Applications, and Methods for Individuals with Autism (ASD) Part II
- Contemporary Approaches to Assessment and Intervention of Speech, Language, and Communication

* Students must maintain an average GPA of 3.0 in the four courses in order to be awarded the ASD Certificate.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor’s degree
- Overall undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher
- An applicant must have an undergraduate degree in psychology, education, speech-language pathology, Science, Letters, & Society, or a related field, or be a current student in a Master’s degree program (e.g., Education, Mental Health Counseling, Neuroscience, Mental Retardation, & Developmental Disabilities). Additional coursework may be required to make up for any academic deficiencies.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT CSI

Graduate students who are currently enrolled at CSI and who meet the admission requirements above do not need to formally apply to the ASD Certificate Program. Instead, they may request permission to enroll in the ASD certificate courses from the ASD Certificate Program Coordinator.
APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR APPLICANTS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT CSI

Graduate Application:
The application must be completed online at www.csi.cuny.edu/graduatestudies.

Transcripts:
Applicants must request official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. If you are currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution, have one transcript sent now and another sent when you complete the courses that you are taking. Applicants who have been enrolled at CSI do not need to request a CSI transcript; the Office of Recruitment and Admissions will obtain a copy.

Application Fee:
A $125.00 non-refundable application fee is required of all applicants. Please make your check or money order payable to the College of Staten Island.

Cover Letter:
A cover letter describing the applicant’s relevant experience as well as the reason and motivation for applying to the program.

Résumé:
Current résumé detailing all relevant past and present professional employment, experience, memberships, and related service.

Letters of Recommendation:
Two letters of recommendation from instructors or employers.

TOEFL or IELTS:
The TOEFL or IELTS exam is a requirement of students for whom English is a second language.

*Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):* The minimum required scores are 550 (Paper), 213 (Computer), or 79-80 (Internet). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the TOEFL website at www.ets.org. Our institutional code is 2778.

*International English Language Testing System (IELTS):* We will only accept the academic exam scores. The minimum required score is 6.5 (overall band). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the IELTS website at www.ielts.org.

*All documents must be submitted to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.*

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