Autism Spectrum (Webautism)

UCert, CertHE – Via Internet, web-based

Is this programme for you?

This programme of study will be of particular interest to those working with children and adults on the autism spectrum, including Asperger syndrome. Learning support assistants, support staff and parents will find the programme particularly helpful.

What does the programme offer?

The programme is designed to provide students with a broad understanding of the autism spectrum, an introduction to the latest research and an insight into current practice. It will prepare both practitioners and parents to draw upon recognised strategies for meeting the needs of individuals with autism in a variety of settings such as in the home, classroom, college, day service or residential environments. The University Certificate (Autism Spectrum) is a web-based distance education programme completed over a year of study, earning 60 credits at Level C.

Subject to approval, students can progress to a full Certificate of Higher Education (Autism Spectrum) for a further year of part-time study. When completed, students will have earned a total of 120 credits at Level C, which could serve as a springboard for higher-level studies.

Work from programmes can contribute to NVQ/LDAF qualifications, and some aspects may also contribute to assessment within these qualifications.

Core modules:

Webautism: Understanding and Responding to the Autism Spectrum

This module explores what it means to be on the autism spectrum. Students are encouraged to examine their own practice in relation to current literature and understanding, and to look at ways in which they can meet the specific needs of a person with whom they work.

Webautism: Working with Individuals on the Autism Spectrum

This module introduces students to, and encourages evaluation of, key approaches in the education of people with autism.

Webautism: Models for Practice when Working with People on the Autism Spectrum

This module covers an overview of the support and lifelong education of people with autism, including the implication of key legislation in both child and adult services.

Second Year Modules: *[if applicable]*

Second year module options currently under revision; module options will be autism-specific.

Study and Awards	
University Certificate	Core Modules
Certificate of Higher Education	Core Modules plus 3 second year modules

How do you study?

The programme is offered through a mixture of online and face-to-face learning. Each student has a personal tutor in a face-to-face or online tutor group. Learning is supported through web and paper-based study packs, tutorial groups, telephone, email and online WebCT contact which encourages students to develop through shared experience. Internet access is essential for the programme.

What are the entry requirements?

- We normally expect two years' current experience of working with or caring for someone on the autism spectrum
- Access to an online multimedia computer is essential
- No advanced computer expertise is required beyond being able to surf the web and send and receive emails with attachments
- Applicants must have a personal email account

How do I apply?

If you require an application form, please contact the School of Education on 0121 414 4866 or at education@bham.ac.uk giving your name and address. Early application is advised as places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Learn more

For more information please contact Dr Karen Guldberg on 0121 414 3470 or email: k.k.guldberg@bham.ac.uk

Further information

For further information on current fees, funding, admissions and more details of this and other autism courses, including Autism (Adults) and Autism (Children), please go to the Autism Centre for Education and Research website: **www.education.bham.ac.uk/research/acer**

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