DELAWARE VALLEY UNIVERSITY

STARTING IN AUGUST 2026

PDE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

In response to the tremendous growth in the number of school-age children diagnosed with autism, Delaware Valley University has developed an autism spectrum disorder endorsement program. This 12-credit program is designed for Pennsylvania regular and special education-certified educators who are interested in gaining additional expertise in this area.

Delaware Valley University's autism spectrum disorder endorsement program integrates national standards with the current research in evidence-based practices. Our intent is to provide educators with the tools and techniques needed to work with students on the autism spectrum, as well as their families.

Topics include historical background, diagnostic criteria, assessment, behavioral interventions, language interventions, social skill interventions, and the impact of executive functioning on daily school and home life. The program consists of four three-credit courses (12 credits total). The course instructors are Dr. Danielle Roland and Dr. Valerie Gulycz, who currently work as supervisors of special education in the Parkland School District and bring a wealth of practitioner-based knowledge and expertise to this area.

Course Schedule:

August 25, 2026 – October 6, 2026
GE 6180 Introduction to Autism
Instructor: Dr. Danielle Roland

January 19, 2027 – March 9, 2027
GE 6181 Applied Behavior Supports for Students with Autism
Instructor: Dr. Valerie Gulycz

March 23, 2027 – May 18, 2027
GE 6182 Autism Methodology and Intervention
Instructor: Dr. Danielle Roland

August 24, 2027 – October 5, 2027
GE 6183 Communication and Social Competence for Students on the Autism Spectrum
Instructor: Dr. Valerie Gulycz

Additional Information:

- The 2026/2027 tuition rate is $577/credit or $1731/three-credit course. Any courses completed can be applied toward DelVal's master's degree in teaching and learning (Special Education track).
- There is an additional $50 technology fee per term.
- There is a one-time application fee of $38
- The courses will be offered online in both synchronous and asynchronous format.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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