

SPED 6302.01 Seminar in Autism Spectrum Disorders Fall 2017

SPED 6302 is an elective course for the Master's Degree in Special Education and provides students with an overview of ASD and empirical research of assessment and interventions.

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Office hours: Tuesday, 3:00-5:00 in Huntsville; Monday and Thursday 4:00-5:30 at TWC 310

Day and time the class meets: Mondays, 5:30-8:20 pm in TWC 331

Course Description: This course will cover a range of topics related to Autism Spectrum Disorders. Discussion topics will include diagnosis, causes, assessments, and interventions for ASD. Emphasis will be placed on the importance of evidence-based services and an in-depth review of various empirically-supported interventions will be covered.

IDEA Objectives: In this course, our focus will be on these major objectives (as assessed by the IDEA course evaluation system):

Essential: Gaining Factual Knowledge (terminology, classifications, methods, trends) Important: Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions)

Textbooks: Various readings from peer-reviewed journal articles and

Luiselli, Russo, Christian, & Wilczynski. (2008). Effective practices for children with autism: Educational and behavior support interventions that work. New York: Oxford University Press. ISBN-10: 0195317041. ISBN-13: 978-0195317046

Course Format: The format for this course will be a combination of reading, writing, and discussion. Each week you will be required to read various chapters from the textbook or articles, complete a timed open-book quiz on Blackboard, and participate in online discussions with your peers. I will provide a brief PowerPoint for each week's topic, which will introduce or supplement material contained in the weekly readings. The majority of time will be spent reading and discussing the assigned readings (listed on the attached class schedule). You should be prepared to discuss the readings assigned for the respective class period.

Course Content: The content covered in this course includes diagnosis, assessment, treatment, and services related to Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Course Requirements:

General Course Outline

On the course schedule below, you will see the week/date in the first column and the topic covered that week in the second column. The third column lists the respective readings and the fourth column lists assignments that are **due before the class on which the topic is covered**. All assignments are due by midnight on their due date via Blackboard, unless otherwise noted. The class meets on Mondays. Therefore, Monday will be the first day the topic is covered during the week. One topic area will be covered during each week.

For each topic (with the exception of the first week), a quiz and online discussion will be due. The quiz is due by midnight Sunday. The novel discussion question is due by Friday at midnight, and the two discussion replies are due by midnight Sunday. For example, during the third week (09.18.17) of class, we will cover Evidence-based Services. You will have until midnight Sunday (09.17.17) to complete the online quiz. The novel discussion question is due on the discussion board by midnight Friday (09.15.17) and the two remaining discussion replies are due by midnight Sunday (09.17.17). You are allowed (and encouraged) to complete discussions prior to their due dates.

Syllabus Quiz

One 10-point syllabus quiz will be due the first week of class (09.03.17) via Blackboard. The quiz will cover various aspects of the course including assignments, discussions, and format. Students are permitted (and encouraged) to use their syllabus while taking the quiz, but each student must complete the quiz independently. Students will be allowed 60 minutes and only one opportunity to complete the quiz.

Weekly Open-Book Quizzes

One 10-point quiz will be given each week. The format of the quiz will vary and may include short answer, multiple choice, matching, and true/false questions. Each quiz will cover the readings assigned for that unit. There will be *no make-ups* allowed for late or missed quizzes. Because of the nature of online classes, students are permitted to use their materials (readings and notes) on the quizzes. However, the time allotted for the quiz will be **limited to 20 minutes** to increase the likelihood that students have read the material and studied for the quiz prior to taking the quiz. Multiple attempts will not be allowed. Each student must complete the quizzes independently. If the instructor suspects that students have collaborated or cheated, all students will receive zeros. Students should not directly discuss quiz questions on the discussion board. The topics may be similar, but if the instructor suspects that students are sharing answers or cheating, all students will receive an automatic zero any suspected material.

Online Discussions

To facilitate discussion of the assigned reading material, each student should submit ONE NOVEL discussion question each week via the discussion board on Blackboard. Your novel discussion question should begin a *new thread*. This is done by entering the discussion board and clicking "Create New Thread." The novel discussion question should be submitted by midnight on Fridays to allow peers ample time to respond (by midnight Sundays). Discussion questions should be thought-provoking and encourage discussion with peers. For example, questions could be critiques of the article's methodology, incorporate outside experiences or readings, or question the ethical parameters of the topic. A rubric used to grade novel discussion questions is posted on Blackboard.

In addition to ONE NOVEL discussion question, each student is expected to respond to peer questions and comments in a thought-provoking and respectful manner a minimum of TWO times. Replies to peer discussion questions and comments are due by midnight Sundays. A rubric used to grade discussion replies is posted on Blackboard.

To sum up, each student should have *at least 3 comments* on each week's discussion board. Grades will be assigned for quantity and quality of discussions.

Research Article Summaries

Throughout the course of the semester, each student will be expected to submit research article summaries related to topics discussed in the course. Students are responsible for searching for and identifying the articles. Article 1 should cover a topic discussed during weeks 2-5, article 2 should cover a topic discussed during weeks 6-9, and article 3 should cover a topic discussed during weeks 10-13. To complete these assignments, students are responsible for (1) finding a peer-reviewed journal article published within the last 10 years on a topic related to class and (2) writing the summary. Students may select articles from one of the following journals and are encouraged to identify single-subject research related to applied behavior analysis: *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis, Research in Developmental Disabilities, Journal of Early and Intensive Behavioral Interventions, The Behavior Analyst, Autism, and Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders.* The instructor will be available to approve an article and/or guide a student through the search process as long as the instructor is contacted at least one week prior to the due date. The student must be able to provide evidence that he or she has attempted the search.

The article summary should be 2 pages in length and provide a concise summary of all relevant sections of the article. Key points to address in each article summary include the rationale for the summary provided in the introduction (e.g., why was the article written?), the participants and setting, general method, results, and implications of the findings (e.g., what do the results mean to the general population?). All article summaries should be written in Times New Roman font, size 12, double-spaced, and 1" margins. The article summaries should be submitted via blackboard by midnight the date they are due. An outline of point distribution is shown below and on Blackboard.

Торіс	Points Available
Rationale	5
Participants and setting	3
General method	5
Results	5
Implications	5
APA Formatting	5
Citation of original article (APA format)	2
Total	30

Final Research Paper

A mock research paper with a novel research question will be due on 12.04.17. The paper should be submitted via Blackboard by midnight on 12.04.17. The mock research paper should ask a question that extends the current literature presented in the course. The format of the final paper should be consistent with a brief report described in the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis* (see below for a description). The paper should include all relevant sections (i.e., title page, abstract, introduction, method, results, discussion, references, and one figure) and be completed in APA format. I will provide feedback on the development of your paper throughout the semester. A template for the final paper is posted on Blackboard. An outline of point distribution is shown below and on Blackboard. Any questions should be directed to the instructor well in advance of the due date.

"Innovative pilot work, replications, and controlled case studies will be considered for publication as Reports. Because direct or systematic replications of research findings, as well as new areas of application having heuristic value, are crucial to the development of a field, such reports warrant special submission and review criteria. Reports will undergo moderately expedited peer review and will be judged according to the following criteria: (a) The subject matter has applied significance, (b) the information necessary to replicate the procedures is contained in the report, and (c) the data collection and analysis permit reasonable conclusions about the phenomenon. Less emphasis will be placed on procedural rigor for innovations (which contribute to our understanding of behavior by encouraging further research) than for replications (particularly failures to replicate, which require demonstrating alternative controlling variables).

Studies appropriate as Reports must not exceed 2,500 total words, including the Title Page, Author Note, References, Figure Caption(s), and Table(s). (When the manuscript is open in MS Word, the total word count can be found in the bar at the bottom of the window.) Note this is a change from the 150-line limit of the previous guidelines. The inclusion of all sections of the manuscript when determining the length is another change from previous guidelines. The author(s) must agree not to publish an extended version of the Report in another Journal.

During the first three weeks of November, students will earn 5 points each week for submitting drafts of parts of their research papers. Drafts will not be graded for quality – only for submission by the due date. The purpose of awarding points for submission of drafts is to scaffold the process of writing the research paper.

General Guidelines

- The Abstract should be 85 words or less.
- The Introduction should identify the key issues to be addressed, state the purpose of the study, and cite key references. Attempt to limit the references to 10 or less.
- The Method (is a critical part of the manuscript. The author should make every attempt to provide sufficient detail to allow replication. The length of other sections of the manuscript should be shortened to accommodate procedural details.
- Combine Results and Discussion under that exact heading. This section should be limited to the presentation of summary statistics and references to data found in the table or figure, a summary of the findings and importance of the research that are supported clearly by the data, acknowledgement of the limitations, and possibly a suggested area for future investigation.
- Most often a single figure or table will be sufficient to display key data. The figure (along with figure caption) and/or table must be included in the manuscript (i.e., do not submit them as separate files)."
- See the guidelines for authors submitting manuscripts to the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*: <u>http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/%28ISSN%291938-</u> <u>3703/homepage/ForAuthors.html</u>

Торіс	Points Available
Written Paper	
- Outline of topic and methods (due 10.15.17)	20
- Original topic idea	5
- General formatting (title page, abstract, page	10
numbers, headings, etc.)	
- Introduction	20
- Methods – Show Experimental Control	15
- Results – at least one figure and written results	15
- Discussion and Implications	10
- References formatting	5
Total	100

Student Syllabus Guidelines

- SHSU Academic Policy Manual -- Students
 - Procedures in Cases of Academic Dishonesty #810213
 - o <u>Student Absences on Religious Holy Days #861001</u>
 - o Academic Grievance Procedures for Students # 900823
 - SHSU Academic Policy Manual Curriculum and Instruction
 - Visitors in the classroom Only registered students may attend class. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by the professor. In all cases, visitors must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance.

NCATE Accreditation

The Sam Houston State University, College of Education has the distinction of NCATE accreditation since 1954. As an NCATE accredited program, the College of Education ensures that the best-prepared teachers will be in classrooms teaching the next generation of leaders how to solve problems, communicate effectively, and work collaboratively.

In November 2010, NCATE merged with the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) to become the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), combining the two premiere accrediting organizations as a single accrediting agency for reform, innovation, and research in educator preparation. SHSU will continue to be NCATE accredited through its next review scheduled for November 2015.

NCATE Standards

CAEP Standards

The Conceptual Framework and Model

	DDP	CF	CAEP	NCATE
1.	Demonstrates an attitude of reflection and thoughtfulness about professional growth and instruction.	2	1.1 (InTASC #10) & 3.3	1. c., 1.g., & 4. c
2.	Demonstrates a commitment to using technology to create an authentic learning environment that promotes problem-solving and decision making for diverse learners.	2	1.5 & 3.4	1.b, 4.a., & 6.d.
3.	Practices ethical behavior and intellectual honesty.	3	1.1(InTASC #9), 3.3, & 3.6	1.g. & 4.a.
4.	Demonstrates thoughtfulness in communication and an awareness and appreciation of varying voices.	3	3.1, 3.3	4.a.
5.	Demonstrates knowledge of second language acquisition and a commitment to adapting instruction or programs to meet the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse learners.	3 & 5	1.1 (InTASC #2)	4.a.& 4.d.
6.	Demonstrates ability to be understanding, respectful and inclusive of diverse populations.	3 & 5	3.1	4.a. & 4.d.
7.	Uses assessment as a tool to evaluate learning and improve instruction for all learners	4	1.1 (InTASC #6)	1.d. & 4.a.
8.	Demonstrates a commitment to literacy, inquiry, and reflection.	1 & 4	1.1 (InTASC #9) & 3.3	1. d, 1. g., & 4.a.
9.	Leads diverse learners to higher level thinking in cognitive, affective, and/or psychomotor domains.	5	1.1 (InTASC, & #2)	4.a.
10.	Demonstrates a commitment to adapting instruction or programs to meet the needs of diverse learners.	5	1.1 (InTASC #2 and #9), & 1.4, 2.3	1.c., 3.c., 4.a., & 4.d.

CF: Conceptual Framework

CAEP: Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (see page 20-21 of CAEP Standards for crosscutting themes and diversity characteristics)

NCATE: National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education

The COE Conceptual Framework establishes the shared vision of the college in preparing educators to work with P-12 students through programs dedicated to collaboration in instruction, field experience, and research, the candidates in Sam Houston State University's Educator Preparation Programs acquire the knowledge, dispositions, and skills necessary to create a positive learning environment preparing educators to work with P-12 students. Employing a variety of

technologies, candidates learn to plan, implement, assess, and modify instruction to meet the needs of diverse learners. The Conceptual Framework (CF) incorporates five (5) indicators throughout the framework that serve to identify areas tied to course work where there is evidence of Conceptual Framework and goals assessment. The five indicators are: Knowledge Base (CF1), Technological Learning Environment (CF2), Communication (CF3), Assessment (CF4), Effective Field Experience with Diverse Learners (CF5). The Dispositions and Diversity Proficiency (DDP) Standards are administered and evaluated in prescribed courses to all educator preparation student in initial and advanced programs (*please provide additional information for the candidate if the DDP is administered during your course*).

College of Education Information:

Please be advised that the College of Education conducts ongoing research regarding the effectiveness of the programs. You will receive one survey in the final semester prior to graduation regarding the operations of the unit during your time here. A second survey will occur within one year following graduation from or completion of a program, and will be sent to you and to your employer. This survey will focus on the preparation received at SHSU. Please remember that your response to these surveys is critical to SHSU program excellence.

Matrix

- Course Objectives stated in measurable performance terms/behavior
- Course Activities/Assignments
- Performance Assessments
- Standards (either list the standards used or provide a link to the standards)
 - Required Program Standards (SPA i.e., ACEI, NMSA etc.)
 - NCATE/CAEP Standard 1 (all applicable elements) used when there is not a SPA
 - State Standards/Competencies for certification if applicable
 - Diversity and Disposition Proficiencies
 - Conceptual Framework Alignment
 - ISTE NETS*S Technology Standards (for technology integrated curriculum)

Topic(s)/Objective(s)	Activities/Assignments	Measurement	Standards Alignment
	(including field-based	(including performance-	S—SPA Standard Alignment
	activities)	based)	TS—Texas Educator
			Standards/Competencies
			DDP —Diversity and Disposition
			Proficiencies
			CF—Conceptual Framework
			Indicator
			N—NCATE Standard 1 (if there
			is no SPA)
			NETS – ISTE NETS Technology
			Standards
1. Review literature	Readings	 Papers 	BACB: B-01, B-02
on autism	 Class Discussion 		S-CEC:
spectrum			ACC3S1, ACC3S3
disorders			ICC7K1, DDA3.S1, DDA3.S2
			CF 1, CF 4, CF 5
			NETS.T: 3.a, 5.c.

2. Hone skills in reading and consuming literature	 Readings Class Discussion 	• Papers	BACB: B-01, B-02, I-05, J-15 S-CEC ICC8S8, ICC8S9, ICC7S15, DDA4S6 CF 2, CF 3, CF 4, CF 5 S-TS: 5.8K, 5.9K, 10.3K NETS.T: 3.b
3 Perfect scientific writing	Papers	• Papers	BACB:G-05, I-01, I-02 S-CEC: DDA3.S1, DDA4S6, ACC3S1, ACC4S2 CF 1, CF 5 S-TS: 5.9K, 10.3K NETS.T: 1.a, 1.b, 3.b

Program specific URL for Specialty Program Association (SPA) standards: <u>http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Preparation_and_Continuing_Education/</u> <u>Educator_Preparation_Home/</u>

Course Evaluation:

Category	Points	Frequency	Total
Syllabus quiz	10	1	10
Certificate of Completion	10	1	10
(Library)			
Weekly Quizzes	10	12	120
Research Article Summaries	30	3	90
Online Discussions	9	12	108
Drafts of Paper Sections	5	3	15
Final Research Paper	100	1	100
Total points			453

$$A = 453-407$$
 $B = 406-362$

C = 361-317

Expectations:

 Participation in Discussions: Missing a discussion automatically results in those participation points being missed.

- Late Assignment Policy: All assignments will be submitted online to the class blackboard site. Assignments are due by the time indicated on the designated date. Assignments that are not submitted on time will accrue a 5% penalty per day, immediately following the assigned time.
- **Time Requirement:** For each credit hour, you will be expected to commit at least three hours of course time outside of class.
- **Grading Policy:** While I will do my best to score all assignment accurately, a potential for human error always exists. If you feel that an error was made in the scoring process, please submit a written or emailed explanation of the error and a justification, and I will review your concerns in a timely manner. Please do not try to discuss grading issues with me in person; always submit them in writing.
- Professionalism Policy: Students will demonstrate dispositions and behaviors that are consistent with the College of Education professional codes of conduct. Failure to demonstrate appropriate behaviors, attitudes, and dispositions will result in referral to the Professional Concerns Committee. Serious violations may result in course failure and/or a request for immediate withdrawal from the course.
- Academic Dishonesty: All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials. For a complete listing of the university policy, see: Dean of Student's Office
- SHSU Student Syllabus Guidelines: SHSU's specific syllabus guidelines can be found at <u>http://www.shsu.edu/syllabus/</u>. Should you have any questions, please contact the instructor directly.
- Students with Disabilities Policy:

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance should register with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Lee Drain Annex (telephone 936-294-3512, TDD 936-294-3786, and e-mail <u>disability@shsu.edu</u>). They should then make arrangements with their individual instructors so that appropriate strategies can be considered and helpful procedures can be developed to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired.

SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may affect adversely your work in this class, then I encourage you to register with the SHSU Services for Students with Disabilities and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: No accommodation can be made until you register with the Services for Students with Disabilities. For a complete listing of the university policy, see: http://www.shsu.edu/dotAsset/187f9029-a4c6-4fb4-aea9-2d501f2a60f3.pdf

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Web resources:

- Association for Behavior Analysis International
 - o <u>http://www.abainternational.org/ba.asp</u>
- Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis
 - o <u>http://seab.envmed.rochester.edu/jaba/</u>
- The Analysis of Verbal Behavior http
 - o //www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/journals/609/
- Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies
 - o <u>http://www.behavior.org/</u>
- Behavior Analysis.com
 - o http://www.behavioranalysis.com/
- Behavior Analyst Online
 - o http://www.behavior-analyst-online.org/
- Dick Malott Behaviorism, Autism, Procrastination

 <u>http://dickmalott.com/behaviorism/</u>

Recommended Journals:

Behavior Analysis in Practice Behavior Analyst Behavior Modification Focus on Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis Journal of Behavioral Education Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior Research in Developmental Disabilities

Suggested APA Resources:

Web-based resources: http://www.apastyle.org/ or http://www.wooster.edu/psychology/apa-crib.html or http://webster.commnet.edu/apa/ or http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/ or http://www.wisc.edu/writing/Handbook/DocAPA.html **Tentative Course Schedule:** The schedule is tentative and there might be some changes in the class schedule depending on the situation.

Week	Topic	Readings	Assignments
1	Syllabus;	Complete 6 modules and quiz:	Library tutorial certificate of
08.28.17	Introduction to	http://library.shsu.edu/research/g	completion due on 09.03.17
	finding articles	uides/tutorials/graded/infolit/ind	
	C	ex.html	Syllabus quiz due 09.03.17
No class or	n Labor Day, 09.04.17		1
2	History, causes,	*Beighley & Matson, 2014	Quiz 1 due 09.10.17
09.11.17	assessment, and	* Lord & Bishop (2015)	Novel discussion due 09.08.17
	diagnosis of ASD		Discussion replies due 09.10.17
3	Evidence-based	Luiselli Ch 1 & 4	Quiz 2 due 09.17.16
09.18.17	services overview		Novel discussion due 09.15.17
0,11011,			Discussion replies due 09.17.17
4	DTT/Lovaas	Luiselli Ch 5 & 9	Quiz 3 due 09.24.17
09.25.17		*Lovaas, 1987	Novel discussion due 09.22.17
			Discussion replies due 09.24.17
5	Naturalistic and	Luiselli Ch 11	Quiz 4 due 10.01.17
10.02.17	Incidental teaching	*Pindiprolu, 2012	Novel discussion due 09.29.17
10.02.17	incluentar teaching	1 maiproid, 2012	Discussion replies due 10.01.17
			Research Article 1 due 10.01.17
6	Video Modeling,	Luiselli Ch 15	Quiz 5 due 10.08.17
10.09.17	Joint attention, AAC	*Taylor & Hoch, 2008	Novel discussion due 10.06.17
			Discussion replies due 10.08.17
7	Bogus	*Shaaf & Miller, 2005	Quiz 6 due 10.15.17
10.16.17	causes/treatments	*LeGoff, 2004	Novel discussion due 10.13.17
		*Zane, Davis, & Rosswurm,	Discussion replies due 10.15.17
		2008	Outline of topic and methods
		*Davis et al., 2012	for final paper due 10.15.17
8	Verbal Behavior	*Sundberg & Michael, 2001	Quiz 7 due 10.22.17
10.23.17	Approach	*Bondy, Esch, Sundberg, 2010	Novel discussion due 10.20.17
			Discussion replies due 10.22.17
9	Verbal Behavior	*Carr & Frith, 2005	Quiz 8 due 10.29.17
10.30.17	Approach	*Ingvaarson & Hollobough,	Novel discussion due 10.27.17
		2010	Discussion replies due 10.29.17
		*Kodak, Clements, 2009	
10	T'fe men '	* M.11: 0 0(1 - 2011	Research Article 2 due 10.29.17
10	Life span issues	* Mehzabin & Stokes, 2011 *MaClannahan at al. 2002	Quiz 9 due 11.05.17
11.06.17		*McClannahan et al., 2002	Novel discussion due 11.03.17
		*Lattimore et al, 2002 *Nuerpharger et al. 2013	Discussion replies due 11.05.17
		*Nuernberger et al., 2013	Draft of Research Paper Intro due 11.05.17
11	Assessment/	Luiselli Ch 16-18	Quiz 10 due 11.12.17
11.13.17	intervention in		Novel discussion due 11.10.17
	challenging		Discussion replies due 11.12.17
	behavior		Draft of Research Paper
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			Method due 11.12.17
12	Academic and	Luiselli Ch 6 & 10	Quiz 11 due 11.19.17
11.20.17	social skills	*Nuernberger et al., 2012	Novel discussion due 11.17.17
			Discussion replies due 11.19.17
			Draft of Research Paper
			Results due 11.19.17
13	Staff training/parent	Luiselli Ch 8	Quiz 12 due 11.26.17
11.27.17	training	*Shore et al., 1995	Novel discussion due 11.24.16
		*Gionoumis et al., 2012	Discussion replies due 11.26.17
			Research article 3 due 11.26.17
14	Finals Week	Research paper	Final research paper due by
12.04.17			12.04.17