



# EDU C466-50

## Introduction to Supporting Students with Autism

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### I. **Course Description:**

If you are working in the field of education it is likely that you will encounter a student with autism sometime during your career. This course is designed to help educators understand autism and how it impacts students educationally and socially in the school setting. The course will also introduce you to some basic strategies and interventions that have been proven effective in teaching and supporting students with autism. The focus will be on practical information that can be applied immediately. This is an introductory level course. The information provided would be beneficial to special education teachers (with limited knowledge of the subject), general education teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, and parents.

### II. **Course Aims and Objectives:**

After completing this course, participants will:

- be able to describe core deficit areas associated with autism and how they impact student learning and social skills
- understand the importance of program planning, data based decision making, and teaming when supporting students with autism
- have a basic knowledge of some evidence based practices used to support students with autism
- be familiar with websites that provide up to date information and training for educators supporting students with autism