

Autism and Severe/Profound Endorsements Support Program

State Personnel Development Grant
Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services
Florida Department of Education



Program Description and Requirements

The purpose of the Autism and Severe/Profound Endorsements Support Program is to provide financial assistance to Exceptional Student Education (ESE) teachers who are working with students identified as having autism spectrum disorders or severe/profound disabilities in a Florida public school. The program provides up to \$1000 per course for tuition support through funding from the State Personnel Development Grant on an annual basis through the Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part D. Applicants must sign a Program/Service Obligation Agreement upon admission to the program.

Priority will be given to applicants who are 1) working on an autism or severe/profound endorsement; 2) working with students identified as having autism spectrum disorders or severe/profound disabilities, and have at least 2 years of full time teaching experience; 3) currently working with students identified as having autism spectrum disorders or severe/profound disabilities.

Application Criteria

In order to be accepted into this program, the applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- Florida Educator Certificate in Exceptional Student Education
- Currently employed in a Florida public school and assigned to a position that requires an autism or severe/profound endorsement
- Submit a complete application by the deadline, including a recommendation from your current school administrator

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit all of the following items:

1. Autism and Severe/Profound Endorsements Support Program Application Form
2. Recommendation & School District Verification Form signed by your current school administrator
3. Copy of Florida Department of Education Teacher Educator Certificate (with certification in the area of Exceptional Student Education)

Application items should be sent to: PDP Coordinator: _____
Street Address: _____

Email Address: _____

All application materials must be received six weeks prior to the start of the semester.