

## Proposal Template

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**Title:** Preparing Educators for Students with Autism (PESA)

**GSC presenter:** Hannah Schertz

**This proposal is for a...**

program change     new program     policy change     new policy

**Include responses to each question, as relevant:**

1. What are you proposing and why? (If proposing a change, then the description and rationale should be relevant to the change(s) only.)

Reduce requirements from 5 to 4 courses. One currently-required course, K632, Promoting Social Competency in Autism Spectrum Disorders, was previously co-listed with a School Psychology offering and will be discontinued for lack of sufficient enrollment. The content will be incorporated into other PESA courses. Reducing the number of course requirements from 5 to 4 will reduce the student cost for the certificate from approximately \$7,500 to \$6,000.

The PESA certificate will include:

K631: Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders  
 K633: Social Communication for Students with Autism  
 K634: Behavioral Supports for Students with Autism  
 K635: Evidence-based Professional Practice to Support Students with Autism

2. How will this impact enrollment? The reduced course requirement is expected to increase the incentive for certificate enrollment and completion
3. How will this impact students' time to degree? The change will make it easier for students to complete the certificate in one year.
4. How will this impact specific student populations and/or DEI issues? No expected effect.
5. How will this impact School of Education resources, including faculty loads? The change will allow the School Psychology program to direct resources to core courses.
6. How will this be effectively sustained over time? No impact on the program's long-term sustainability is expected.

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7. What was the departmental vote tally for this proposal? (e.g., “12 in favor, 2 opposed, 3 abstained”). 24 in favor, 0 opposed.

### Proposed 2020-21 Bulletin Update

#### Certificate in Preparing Educators of Students with Autism (Online)

##### Certificate Requirements (12 cr.)

K631 Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders (3 cr.)

~~K632 Promoting Social Competency in Autism Spectrum Disorders (3 cr.)~~

K633 Communication Development, Assessment, and Intervention in Autism Spectrum Disorders (3 cr.)

K634 Preventing and Intervening with Challenging Behavior for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (3 cr.)

K635 Evidence-Based Professional Practice to Support School-Based Learning for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (3 cr.)

~~(Prerequisite: successful completion of K631, K632, and either K633 or K634)~~