

*The Project Optimal® Autism*

*Spectrum Disorders Program*

*was created to provide an*

*affordable, accessible, and*

*credible educational program*

*for California Education*

*Specialist credential holders*

*needing to add expertise in the*

*areas of special education that*

*were not part of their original*

*credential authorization.*

# Autism Spectrum Disorders Program



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## Autism Added Authorization

**W**iseburn School District,  
in collaboration with Southwest SELPA,  
is pleased to offer the Autism Spectrum  
Disorders Added Authorization  
through Project Optimal



# Who Needs this Course?

The Added Authorization in ASD is required by the CTC for teachers who (1) work with students with autism spectrum disorders; and (2) have one of the following credentials:

- ✓ Level I or Level II Mild/Moderate credential
- ✓ Level I or Level II Deaf and Hard of Hearing credential
- ✓ Level I or Level II Visual Impairments credential
- ✓ Level I or Level II Physical and Health Impairments credential
- ✓ Old Learning Handicapped (LH), Physical Handicaps (PH), Communication Handicaps (CH), Visual Handicaps (VH) credentials (Ryan)

Teachers in the above categories do not need the Added Authorization unless they are specifically working with (or want to be qualified to work with) students with autism spectrum disorders, or if required for employment.

Other credentials are also eligible, please go to [projectoptimal.com](http://projectoptimal.com) for more information.

# Benefits & Features

The **Project Optimal™ Autism Spectrum Disorders Program** is an online self study program made up of 12 modules and equivalent to 120 hours of face to face training. Candidates will learn about and understand Autism Spectrum Disorders. In addition they will be able to conduct a Functional Behavioral Assessment and then develop, implement, and monitor a Positive Behavioral Intervention Plan using person-centered approaches.

Using Applied Behavior Analysis and Positive Behavior Supports, candidates will be able to apply specific support strategies such as Discrete Trial Teaching, Pivotal Response training and create optimal learning environments for the students they teach.

As a candidate moves through the program these competencies are presented and then tested, building upon one another to ensure a solid foundation in the understanding and application of the specific support and teaching strategies for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Advantages of the program include:

- ✓ Access on *your* schedule
- ✓ Outstanding learner outcomes
- ✓ Onscreen note taking
- ✓ Digital library
- ✓ FAQs
- ✓ Glossary
- ✓ Live chat rooms
- ✓ Peer-to-peer messaging system, and more

The Project Optimal Autism Spectrum Disorders Program will prepare any teacher for working with the most challenging of students while attaining their autism added authorization.

# Tuition & Fees

Project Optimal uses multiple measures in the admission process. Applicants must provide the following before being moved from provisional status to admission to the entire program.

- ✓ Completed online application form.
- ✓ Three letters of recommendation—one from the applicant's evaluator, and two others from administrators of choice, focusing on the applicant's qualifications, experience working with children, sensitivity to California's diverse population, communication skills, and prior experience working with students diagnosed with Autism.
- ✓ Proof of eligibility for, or valid possession of, a preliminary education specialist teaching credential.

Applications are reviewed by Project Optimal Leadership team members. If necessary, applicants will be contacted for further clarification.

Price for the full added authorization program is \$900. Candidates who have previously completed the Foundations in Autism Spectrum Disorders (FASD) online course can receive a 3 unit credit and a \$25 rebate, resulting in a final fee of \$875.

For more information, an overview of the full program, or the option to pre-register at a special rate, visit [projectoptimal.com](http://projectoptimal.com) or email us at [info@projectoptimal.com](mailto:info@projectoptimal.com).