Saint Joseph College
Saint Joseph College is a comprehensive institution with career-focused undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs. At SJC, students explore and expand their potential through personal attention in a welcoming community that offers academically challenging programs to individuals who want to succeed and make a difference in society. The College is devoted to empowering women, while also inspiring both women and men to service in the global community. Founded by the Sisters of Mercy, the College offers an education steeped in the Catholic intellectual tradition and the Mercy social values. SJC is situated on a beautiful suburban campus, mid-way between New York City and Boston, while providing easy access to culture, government, and sports venues in the capital city of Hartford.

Directions
Saint Joseph College is located in West Hartford, Connecticut off I-84, exit 43/Park Road. Turn right at the end of the ramp, then take an immediate left at the first light onto Trout Brook Drive. At the fifth light, turn right onto Asylum Avenue then take the first left onto the Saint Joseph College campus.

**Autism Summer Institute**
August 2011, Saint Joseph College

The Autism Summer Institute is designed to provide parents, educators and professionals with an introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders and education/intervention strategies. It will help caregivers and teachers understand the educational needs of children with autism and will improve dialogue between teachers and parents. A limited number of scholarships are available.

For more information, please visit www.sjc.edu/autism or e-mail jmolteni@sjc.edu.

**Graduate Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders**

School of Graduate and Professional Studies
West Hartford, Connecticut
www.sjc.edu
Is This Program For You?

If you want to enrich your career and gain proficiency in applied educational concepts, principles and practices and work with students with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families, then the ASD Graduate Certificate is for you.

The Graduate Certificate is appropriate for:
• special education teachers
• general education teachers
• school psychologists
• speech and language pathologists
• counselors
• nurses
• occupational therapists and physical therapists

Learn From Experts in the Field of Autism

Our faculty have been drawn from individuals with extensive experience in educating children with special needs and have supported the development of educational programs in public schools. Your learning experience will combine timely, evidence-based information regarding best practices in educating children with autism and applied examples of the application of those practices.

Core Faculty:

John D. Molteni, Ph.D., BCBA
Director, Autism Spectrum Initiative

Kathleen Whitbread, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Education and Director of Special Education

Collaborative Experiences

Practicum experience, field studies, observation, and student teaching from the highly qualified staff at The Gengras Center, a unique, state-approved special education facility and model lab school (affiliated with the College) and area public schools are part of the curriculum.

Course Requirements

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* Autism: Nature and Characteristics is a prerequisite

Application Requirements

• Admission application, available at www.sjc.edu/graduate
• $50.00 application fee
• Sealed transcripts of your bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution (minimum GPA requirement of 2.5)
• Immunization Records

Next Steps

• Go to www.sjc.edu/autism for additional information on the Graduate Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders
• Contact Dr. John Molteni at 860.231.5699 or by e-mail at jmolteni@sjc.edu with questions regarding the program.
• Contact Dr. Kathleen Whitbread at 860.231.5362 or by e-mail at kwhitbread@sjc.edu with questions regarding graduate degrees in Special Education.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that 1 in 150 children have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Many teachers, related service staff and paraprofessionals are experiencing first hand the increase in numbers of school age children with an ASD and the inclusion of students with an ASD in the general education classroom and curriculum.

Given the increasing prevalence rates, both nationally and statewide of students with an ASD and the requirement to provide instruction in the least restrictive environment, schools are facing the challenge of meeting these unique needs in the classroom in the absence of available training.

The Graduate Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders provides you with the ability to enhance your skills and build your expertise, learn effective practices, engage with your peers in field studies and observation, and participate in collaborative experiences in the classroom.