Dear Registrant,

Once LACOE is in receipt of your registration and fee for the “Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders” course, we will evaluate your previous work experience and professional development for possible equivalencies. The approved Project Impact Program will require teachers to meet the requirements in the following areas.

**Project Impact – Added Authorization – Autism**

1. Assessment*
2. Collaboration Skills*
3. Positive Behavior Management*
4. Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders
5. Programming Strategies for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders
6. Communication & Behavior for Autism Spectrum Disorders
7. Practicum Fieldwork in Autism

The program is committed to honoring training and experience completed by candidates who have extensive experience with autism. A $50 registration fee covers a transcript evaluation and equivalency review. The fee for the Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders course is $200. Practicum Fieldwork in Autism is embedded into the Programming Strategies course.

**Transcript Evaluation**

An evaluation of one’s transcript, work experience and professional development are included as part of the enrollment and registration fee. LACOE will review Level I and Level II coursework to verify course equivalencies. The program will also review activity related to coursework or professional development that was completed to provisionally authorize teaching students with autism. Most college and university programs already require courses related to:

*Project Impact SPED 261 – Assessment (30 hours / 2 Units)*

*Project Impact SPED 264 – Collaboration Skills (30 hours / 2 Units)*

*Project Impact SPED 260 – Positive Behavior Management (30 hours / 2 Units)*

Some colleges have also provided coursework in Autism Spectrum disorders. Anyone having a class with Autism in the title of the course receives an equivalency for the Introduction to ASD course. Please review the attached Self-Review and bring any verifying documents, or certificates of professional development training with you on the first day of class.
ASD Course Descriptions

**SPED267 Autism Spectrum Disorder (1 unit)**

This course is designed to provide candidates knowledge of a range of disabilities within autism spectrum disorders and best practice methodologies, including applied behavioral analysis and sensory integration. In this course, candidates learn instructional approaches, behavior modification techniques, and therapy for students with autism and other pervasive developmental disorders. Throughout this course, research-based and scientifically proven approaches are addressed.

Cost: $200 plus a one-time nonrefundable transcript evaluation-processing fee of $50 (total $250)

**SPED259 Programming Strategies in Autism (2 units) and embedded Fieldwork (1 unit)**

Candidates will be given research based approaches to teaching students with Autism as well as known effective strategies, currently approved and used by teachers in the field. These may include Discrete Trial Training, Pivotal Response Training, visual systems, social stories, sensory activities, schedules, assessment and data collection. Candidates will develop lesson plans and materials using these strategies and practice putting them to use in class.

Cost: $350

**SPED258 Communication and Behavior for Autism Spectrum Disorder (2 units)**

Different forms of communication and their effects on behavior are evaluated, while tools to improve communication are shared. Multiple modes of communication are explored; candidates describe the strategies that they feel are most effective with their populations and explain the reasons why. The idea that effective modes of communication can change a student’s behavior and their academic progress are investigated, and multiple methods of communication are discussed. Social stories, token economy systems, schedules and transitions are explained. Their effectiveness and how they benefit the student and the entire class is assessed.

Cost $350

**Total program cost $950**

*Total of 6 units*