



This is a Q & A interview with a graduate from Antioch University New England's Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders Training. For more information visit ANE's web site at: www.antiochne.edu.

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Robin completed Antioch New England's Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Certificate program in 2005 and is about to graduate with a MEd in Foundations of Education with a concentration in ASD. As associate director of the Asperger's Association of New England, Robin focuses on chapter development, conference planning, support group guidance, as well as helping with the day to day operations.

Q: How has your career changed since completing your program?

A: I had been a classroom teacher for fifteen years, and an environmental educator for five. My career has changed completely. I've started a consultancy as an advocate for parents of children with Asperger Syndrome, Non-verbal Learning Disorder, Autism Spectrum Disorders, and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. I also run support groups for parents, pragmatic social skills groups for students, and present workshops to educators from across the country.

Q: What was the best part of the program?

A: My professors are tops in their field and many have published books. They offered an amazing level of expertise.

Q: What did Antioch New England contribute to your career?

A: Antioch gave me the confidence, knowledge, understanding, and expertise I needed. I still keep in touch with my classmates and continue to consider my professors as mentors. I have a network of professionals I can call on for advice.

More about Antioch New England's Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders Training
Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnoses are burgeoning, presenting unique challenges for educators and therapists. Antioch New England heard the urgent call for training and established this Center to deliver in-depth knowledge in this area. Through the Autism Spectrum Disorders Certificate Program and a variety of continuing education workshops and courses, Antioch New England provides essential training so you can better serve individuals on the autism spectrum.

The Autism Spectrum Disorders Certificate Program

Currently practicing counselors, psychologists, educators, special educators, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, tutors, parents and advocates will benefit from this specialized training. We focus on working closely with higher-functioning individuals on the spectrum, including those with Asperger Syndrome, High Functioning Autism (HFA), and Pervasive Developmental Disorder - Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS).

Study with remarkable faculty.

The Center has gathered the foremost authorities on individuals on the autism spectrum. Faculty members include national presenters, published authors, and attentive, expert faculty who strive to make a difference.

Keep your job while you earn your certificate.

This program can accommodate working professionals. Students come to class only one weekend every three to four weeks, so you can gain the education you need without putting your career on hold.

Master's Program Options

Students can simultaneously pursue an MEd in the Foundations of Education with a concentration in Autism Spectrum Disorders. Also, some graduates of the ASD Certificate program have elected to roll over their credits and pursue this MEd program sequentially. Please contact Admissions for more information. In addition, continuing education is always an option.

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For more information about the Asperger's Association of New England visit: www.aane.org