

Project ASSET

Autism Spectrum Specialized Education and Training



What is Project ASSET?

Autism Spectrum Specialized Education and Training (ASSET) is a personnel preparation project funded by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) designed to build the capacity of graduate students in speech language pathology to address the needs of young children and students with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and their families. ASSET is a collaboration between the FSU School of Communication Science and Disorders and the Autism Institute.

What are the benefits of participation?

Program requirements consist of specialized course work and field experiences with young children and students with ASD and their families in a variety of settings. Scholars will gain knowledge and skills in three distinct areas: 1) evidence-based and family centered early identification and intervention, 2) collaboration with interdisciplinary team members to support students with challenging behaviors in classroom settings, and 3) supporting social communication for transition to post-secondary education, employment, and community participation. Scholars are mentored by families of young children and students with ASD, local area education team members and community advocates. A focus on the individualized application of evidence-based practices is emphasized rather than any specific methodology. Opportunities to participate in clinical research with interdisciplinary faculty are available.

Who can participate?

Students who are enrolled (or accepted for enrollment) in the FSU speech language pathology graduate program are eligible to apply. Students from underrepresented groups and students with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Applications are competitive with five awarded each year.

Financial support is available as a forgivable loan that includes a stipend of \$4,000 per semester and tuition waivers (10 graduate credits per semester) for three semesters of full-time enrollment. When Project ASSET trainees graduate, they provide two years of related service for every year of tuition support received. Applications are available online at: <http://asset.fsu.edu>.



How Can I Learn More?

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