



Certification in the Needs of Students with Autism

3 Hours Certification Training

In response to the growing number of children being diagnosed with autism, the Legislature enacted Chapter 143 of the Laws of 2006 to amend Sections 3004(4) and (5) of the Education Law to require that all persons applying for a teaching certificate or license on or after February 2, 2007, as a special education teacher or as a school administrator who works in special education, complete course work or training in the needs of children with autism. Special education teachers include those with certification titles in *special education, students with disabilities, teaching students who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, teaching students who are blind or visually impaired, and teaching students with speech and language disabilities.*

In 2008, the Legislature enacted Chapter 484 of the Laws of 2008, which further amends Sections 3004(4) and (5) of the Education Law. The legislation clarifies that school administrators and supervisors assigned on or after September 2, 2009 to serve as special education administrators must complete training in the needs of autistic children as soon as practicable after their assignment.

The Hudson River Teacher Center is a NYSED approved provider of coursework/training in the needs of students with autism. Topics covered will include Definitions, Etiology and Prevalence, Characteristics, Evidence Based Instructional Methods/ Interventions for Teaching Students with ASDs, Behavior Management and Positive Behavioral Supports, Effective Collaboration, Resources and Supports.

Target Audience: Special education teachers and special education administrators required by new state mandates to meet certification in the needs of students with autism, support staff, paraprofessionals, teacher assistants/aides, speech/language pathologists

Presenter: Barbara Kestenbaum, Project Director of Special Education Training and Resource Center, Rockland BOCES

Fee: \$75

Upon completion participants will receive **The State Education Department Certification of Completion in Training in the Needs of Students with Autism.**

Dates and	Wednesday, October 21, 2009 4:30 - 7:30 pm	School Services Building, Front Conference Room
	Tuesday, January 26, 2010 4:30 - 7:30 pm	School Services Building, Front Conference Room
	Thursday, February 25, 2010 4:30 - 7:30 pm	School Services Building, East Conference Room
	Thursday, April 22, 2010 4:30 - 7:30 pm	School Services Building, West Conference Room
	Wednesday, May 19, 2010 4:30 - 7:30 pm	School Services Building, West Conference Room

To register online go to My Learning Plan at www.pnwboces.org/catalog. Under **Programs** click on **The Hudson River Teacher Center** or **The Hudson River Teacher Center (District Billing and Checks)**. Click on **View Now**; scroll down and click on the workshop/course name. Select **Click to Enroll** to register. Complete the information and print your registration form. Mail the form along with the course payment/district payment authorization to the address below. Your registration is complete when confirmed by email upon payment/authorization from your district.

Refunds will not be given for participants withdrawing from a course less than 10 days before the course start date. Any cancellation prior to 10 days will be subject to a \$40 fee.

If paying by check, submit a SEPARATE CHECK payable to BOCES for each course/workshop. Please write the name of the workshop/course on the check. **All course/workshop fees are to be paid 14 days prior to course start date.** All returned checks are subject to a \$20 return check charge.

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