

Master of Autism Studies 4+1 Application

College juniors may apply to the Master of Autism Studies program during the junior year. If admitted to the graduate program, you will complete two graduate courses the summer before your senior year and one to two graduate courses during your senior year prior to baccalaureate graduation. You will continue Autism Studies courses in the fall term following your baccalaureate graduation and continue for the next spring and summer terms to complete the bachelors and graduate degree in five years. In the fifth year, you will be charged the per credit hour rate equivalent to the cohort you are joining.

Application Requirements

Application Deadline: March 31

Application form

Personal statement

Writing sample or Video interview response

Letter of Recommendation (waived for current Saint Mary's College students)

The most competitive candidates will have maintained at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA in undergraduate coursework, though experience with autism (such as being autistic, working in an autism-related field, or being a caregiver) will also be taken into account.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Saint Mary's ID Number (if applicable): _____

I have arranged for official transcripts to be sent to graduateadmission@saintmarys.edu or Saint Mary's College, Office of Graduate Studies, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

As a Saint Mary's College student, I give Saint Mary's College Office of Graduate Studies permission to pull my Saint Mary's transcript from the Registrar's Office to confirm that I have or will satisfactorily complete the prerequisite courses.

Personal Statement

Please attach a personal statement (<600 words) that addresses your reasons for pursuing a Master of Autism Studies, including your objectives for professional and/or personal engagement with autism after completing the degree.

Writing Sample or Video Interview Response

Please complete *one* of the following:

1. A brief video response completed through the Kira Talent platform responding to the following prompt: The needs of the autism community have changed over time. What do you think the most pressing needs will be in the area of autism ten years from now, and how do you think we should respond to those needs?
2. Please attach a written response of no more than 1,000 words responding to the following prompt: The needs of the autism community have changed over time. What do you think the most pressing needs will be in the area of autism ten years from now, and how do you think we should respond to those needs?
3. Please attach a sample of academic or professional writing that shows your ability to communicate effectively (<3000 words).

I certify that this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Please submit your completed application to graduateadmission@saintmarys.edu or Saint Mary's College, Office of Graduate Studies, Notre Dame, IN 46556.