

**I'm Interested In Learning More About The Autism Initiative!**

**I am**

- Interested in volunteering
- An interested faculty member at

\_\_\_\_\_

I teach

\_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle One;  
The **required** / **optional** Service Learning requirement will work best for my course.

- An interested Service Learning student at

\_\_\_\_\_

My professor is

\_\_\_\_\_

My course is

\_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle One;  
My course offers the **required** / **optional** Service Learning requirement.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred form of contact:

- Phone
- Email
- Facebook

**Contact Us for More Information on Volunteering or Integrating it into Your Course Curriculum!**



**Forward All Inquiries To:  
Rev. Dr. Edward P. Saxman, Director of the Autism Initiative**



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*Give your students the chance to work one on one with children, teens, and adults with autism, through service learning field experiences.*

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*If you or your students are passionate about working with children, teens, or adults, or are interested in learning more about Autism this is the experience for you!*

## FACULTY MEMBERS AND OTHER EDUCATORS

The Autism Initiative provides options to integrate this experience successfully into your course to align with curriculum providing reflection opportunities and alternative assignments if necessary. See the Curricular Service Learning options and contact us for more information!

## STUDENTS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS

The Autism Initiative will provide you with an invaluable experience that will make a difference in a person’s life, giving them an unforgettable camping experience. This is also a great resume booster with many opportunities for leadership and growth through the retreat.

### ALIGNING MAJORS

- ◇ Education
- ◇ Psychology
- ◇ Social Work
- ◇ Speech Therapy
- ◇ Special Education
- ◇ Counseling

## WHAT IS SERVICE LEARNING

Service Learning is a strategy to enhance teaching and learning by integrating meaningful community service that supports curriculum and enriches the learning experience.



## AUTISM INTENSIVE FIELD EXPERIENCE

This Autism Intensive Field Experience will allow students to apply educational theories as they are learning them in their course and reflect on strategies for integrating children, teens, and adults with Autism into a mainstream classroom while effectively meeting the person’s needs and goals. This will allow students to observe and assist children, teens, and adults with Autism in numerous settings including classroom, recreation, mealtime, and nighttime settings. Students will develop a well-rounded understanding of the challenges and successes these individuals have in their daily lives. This intensive provides participants with a greater knowledge of Autism that can be directly applied to professional careers.

## CURRICULAR SERVICE LEARNING

### ◇ Required Service Learning Option

This requires each student to participate in one or two Autism-focused events (at the professor's discretion). This would be a student’s Autism Intensive Field Experience. Reflection and supportive assignments can be provided if necessary.

### ◇ Optional Service Learning Option

This would allow the student to participate in one or both Autism-focused events in place of another assignment. Reflection and supportive assignments can be provided if necessary.

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## CO-CURRICULAR SERVICE LEARNING

### ◇ Family Autism Retreat Alternative Break

Volunteer to support the retreat through donation of your time and talents for the low-cost of \$199 per person, including room and board from Friday morning to Sunday afternoon. Students will engage in a scheduled reflection time to support Service Learning values.

### ◇ C.A.T. Camp Autism Alternative Break

Volunteer to support the camp through donation of your time and talents for the low-cost of \$325 per person, including room and board from Saturday Night to the following Saturday morning. Students will engage in a scheduled reflection time to support Service Learning values.