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## **IBCCES Partners with Over 220 of the Top Universities in the World to Train Certified Autism Specialists**

Tuesday, February 3, 2015 – Jacksonville, Florida – There's little doubt that schools systems are facing a great challenge providing the proper care and educational opportunities for students with autism. With the number of students diagnosed with autism rising over 600% in the last 10 years (the CDC has reported the number at 1 in 68 in 2014) chief among these challenges is having enough Certified Autism Specialists on hand to ensure students with autism are being given the care and attention they deserve. Fortunately, the IBCCES(International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards), one of the fastest growing Autism certification organizations in the country, has taken steps to more easily facilitate the training of more professionals to help in the field. The IBCCES recently announced they have partnered with over 220 of the world's top Universities to help with the training requirements for their Certified Autism Specialist program, making pursuing the training much more easy and convenient for a great number of interested students.

"We are excited to have some of the leading autism research and instructional institutions in the world help us train and certify our Autism specialists," commented Michelle Killan, Director of IBCCES. "There's an incredible demand on our schools and healthcare systems for qualified professionals who are certified in the field of Autism."

According to IBCCES the list of education and licensed healthcare professionals who commonly choose to pursue a autism certification is very extensive, including: Special Education Teachers, Special Education Directors, School Psychologists, Behavior Specialists, School Counselors, Classroom Teachers, Principals, School Nurses, Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapist, Psychologists, Clinical Social Workers, Licensed Professional Counselors and RN Nurses. The Certified Autism Specialist recognition is often credited by professionals for opening a great number of employment possibilities and opportunities, with a recent survey finding over 10,000 positions open for educators and healthcare professionals with an expertise in autism.

### **About IBCCES**

The International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards ([IBCCES](http://www.ibcces.org)) was established in 2001 to meet the training and credentialing needs of professionals who work with individuals with special needs. IBCCES has since expanded into over 40 different countries with training centers and members across the globe.

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Our Certified Autism Specialist, Board Certified Cognitive Specialist, and Certified Autism Center credentials were established with the highest standards in the industry. As a result, our programs have become the benchmark for those who work with cognitive disorders around the globe.

IBCCES created and hosts the annual International Symposium on Cognitive Research & Disorders. This global event brings together top neurologists, education leaders, and healthcare experts with a focus on research, innovation and collaboration.

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