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Top 20 Outstanding Autism Specialists Recognized

IBCCES Celebrates Autism Awareness Month by Featuring Autism Specialists

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (April 18, 2016) – The International Board of Credentialing & Continuing Education Standards ([IBCCES](#)) is recognizing 20 outstanding professionals that dedicate their lives to autism during Autism Awareness Month. Throughout April, the IBCCES will feature these individuals through their Members Site for the IBCCES community to recognize. The "Top 20" Autism Specialists can additionally be viewed on the IBCCES News Blog for recognition worldwide. IBCCES has selectively chosen these individuals based on their background, qualifications, achievements, and continuous work in the field of autism.

IBCCES offers four levels of autism certification for professionals that work with individuals with autism. The Certified Autism Specialist is the flagship certification, which has been around since the organization launched in 2001. Training and certification programs are available at both the Masters and non-Masters level that include online, position-specific autism training through IBCCES University. IBCCES has additionally launched an ABA-specific online training and advanced certification early this year. ABA, or Applied Behavioral Analysis, application of behavioral principles, to everyday situations, that will, over time, increase or decrease targeted behaviors.

IBCCES recognizes April as Autism Awareness Month in the United States, and World Autism Awareness day on April 2nd. With the rate of autism diagnosis rapidly increasing worldwide, the need for credentialed and licensed autism-related service providers continues to grow every year. Autism, commonly known as ASD, is a neurodevelopmental disorder with a wide range of symptoms and impairment levels. According to a study released in late March by the Center for Disease Control, 1 in 68 children in the US have been diagnosed with ASD. It is five times more common among boys than girls, and there are currently over 10,000 job openings available for educators and educators with training and certification in the field of autism.

For more information, please visit our website [here](#) or contact kristin@ibcces.org.

About IBCCES

The International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards ([IBCCES](#)) 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.

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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