**Eastern Illinois University**

**Communication Disorders and Sciences &**

**East Central Illinois Speech–Language-Hearing Association**

**2017 Fall Autism Conference**

**Update on Autism Spectrum Disorders: Etiology and Intervention Strategies**



**Where:** Eastern Illinois University

University Union Ballroom

**When:** Friday, September 29, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Fee:** Professionals -$50.00

Students - $10.00

**Registration:** Go to [www.eiu.edu/commdis/](http://www.eiu.edu/commdis/) to register or contact Sandi Thiele at

(217) 581-2712

**Autism Center T-shirts are available for purchase. There is a link to purchase on the same online website used for registration. T-shirts must be ordered by September 1 to be available for pickup at the Conference.**

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Autism Center Director, Eastern Illinois University

President, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

**Agenda**

**9:00-12:00am:** Overview of characteristic profile of autism spectrum disorder

* Definition and diagnostic criteria of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
* Research regarding etiological theories for ASD.
* Discussion of major behavioral characteristics associated with ASD

**12:00-1:00** Lunch Break (on your own.)

**1:00-3:00pm:** Intervention Strategiesfor ASD

* Sensory system and behavior strategies
* Communication and social skills assessment and strategies
* General classroom and management strategies

**Learning Outcomes**

After attending this conference, participants will be able to:

1. Define diagnostic criteria and describe primary behavioral characteristics of ASD.
2. Summarize major research findings regarding etiology of ASD
3. Generate strategies to address sensory-based behavior challenges
4. Implement assessment and intervention strategies to address communication and social challenges within ASD

This course is offered for .5 ASHA CEUs (professional area, intermediate level)

5 hours EI Credit Atypical Development

*Disclosure: Financial: Dr. Richard has multiple publications for which she receives royalties.*

*Nonfinancial: Dr. Richard serves as President of ASHA and is Director of the Autism Center at EIU.*



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