

Amanda's Adaptive Martial Arts Becomes First of Its Kind to Earn Autism Certification from IBCCES

Amanda's Adaptive Martial Arts becomes the first martial arts center to earn autism certification to better support the unique needs of autistic students

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-- Amanda's Adaptive Martial Arts
becomes the first martial arts center to
earn the Certified Autism Center™
certification from the International
Board of Credentialing and Continuing
Education Standards (IBCCES). This
designation is granted to organizations
whose staff have undergone
specialized training and certification,
equipping them with the skills and
knowledge needed to support and
cater to the unique needs of autistic
and sensory-sensitive students.





Amanda, the executive director of Amanda's Adaptive Martial Arts, expressed her enthusiasm for this achievement, saying, "Amanda's Adaptive Martial Arts strives to improve the way we tailor our services to autistic individuals, to provide an optimal growth experience to each child based on individual needs and capacities. Achieving this accreditation and incorporating these principles helps us improve the experience we provide to our students and demonstrates our commitment to excellence for parents, teachers, and the wider community."

In addition to training and certification, the martial arts center offers small group classes and individualized experiences tailored to the strengths and challenges of each student as needed. Instruction focuses on meeting each child where they are, whether hand-over-hand assistance, verbal prompts, visual demonstrations, repetition, or a combination.

To create a welcoming and sensory-friendly environment, Amanda's Adaptive Martial Arts has implemented various adaptations, including visual schedules, noise-canceling headphones, attire flexibility, a sensory-friendly setting, and full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). These modifications aim to ensure that every



child can participate fully and comfortably in martial arts classes.

Myron Pincomb, Board Chairman of IBCCES, commented, "We're thrilled to welcome Amanda's Adaptive Martial Arts into our ever-expanding network of Certified Autism Centers™, setting a



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IBCCES has been an industry leader for over 20 years in cognitive disorder training and certification for education, health care, and corporate professionals around the globe.

The organization provides evidence-based training and certification programs created in conjunction with clinical experts and the perspectives of autistic individuals, alongside other resources, ongoing support, and renewal requirements to ensure continued learning and a lasting impact.

IBCCES also created CertifiedAutismCenter.com as a free online resource for families that lists certified locations and professionals. Each organization listed on the site has met the Certified Autism Center™ (CAC) requirements.

About IBCCES:

Committed to providing The Global Standard For Training and Certification in The Field of Cognitive Disorders – IBCCES provides a series of certifications that empower professionals to be leaders in their field and improve the outcomes for the individuals they serve. These programs are recognized around the world as the leading benchmark for training and certification in the areas of autism and other cognitive disorders.

About Amanda's Adaptive Martial Arts

Founded in 2021, Amanda's Adaptive Martial Arts (AAMA)'s mission is to provide high-quality martial arts education to children and adults with various needs in a safe environment, so that all may have the benefit of sports and martial arts in their lives. Our priority is to make sure that all children who wish to study martial arts can do so and therefore reap the benefits that martial arts study confers: our martial arts program is derived from karate, jiu-jitsu, and muay thai, and is specially formulated so that children with disabilities or neurodivergence can be successful in their learning.

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