

ETADD Author Submission Guidelines

Introduction

Education and Training in Autism and Developmental Disabilities (ETADD) focuses on the education of persons with autism, intellectual disability, and other developmental disabilities. ETADD invites research manuscripts [group, single case, qualitative, quasi-experimental, survey]; conceptual/position; systematic reviews of the literature; and (new in 2025) translation of research to practice manuscripts. An emphasis of ETADD is on identification and assessment, educational and community programming, characteristics, training of instructional personnel, habilitation, and legislation.

General Requirements

- All submissions must be in English.
- Manuscripts must be original and not published or currently under review elsewhere.
- All submissions will undergo a double-blind peer review process, ideally with three reviewers
- APA 7th edition must be followed in all places (e.g., references, subheadings, etc.)
- AI (e.g., ChatGPT, Copilot) cannot be used to write /generate the work submitted for the journal

Manuscript Preparation

Title Page

- The title should be concise and descriptive.
- Include the names of all authors.
- Include a running head of up to 50 characters

Abstract

- The abstract should be 100-200 words.
- Provide a brief overview of the rationale, methodology, results, and implications.
- Include up to 5 keywords

Body of Manuscript

- Use appropriate APA heading levels
- Use 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced throughout.
- Set margins to 1 inch on all sides.
- Research, systematic reviews, and conceptual/positional manuscript should be no more than 30 pages (text, references, figures/tables)
- Translation of research to practice manuscripts should be no more than 20 pages (text, references, figures/table)

References

- Use APA 7th edition guidelines for in-text citations and reference list.
- Ensure accuracy and completeness

Figures and Tables

- Figures and tables should be clear and concise, following APA formatting
- Graphs and other figures should be originals and sharp to allow a potential 50% reduction
- Provide detailed captions for all figures and tables.
- Include figures and tables at the end of the manuscript, with placeholders in the text, each on their own page.
- 10-point Times New Roman font may be used in figures and tables

Ethical Considerations

- Ensure informed consent was obtained for all research involving human subjects.
- Disclose any potential conflicts of interest.
- All submissions will be checked for plagiarism. Ensure proper citation and original work.

Submission Process

- Submit manuscripts via our online portal: <https://mc04.manuscriptcentral.com/etadd>
- All documents should be uploaded as Word
- Upon receipt, the Editors will screen each manuscript. Appropriate manuscripts are sent to Associate Editors and Editorial Board members
- The review process typically takes 3 months
- Manuscripts are the property of ETADD for a minimum period of six months.

Acceptance

- The Editors reserve the right to make minor editorial changes that do not materially affect the meaning of the text.
- All articles accepted for publication are copyrighted in the name of the Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities.

Other Information

- ETADD is published four times per year
- All members of the Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities receive ETADD

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Types of Manuscripts

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Please adhere to all Author Submission Guidelines previously noted for general requirements, preparation, submission, and acceptance.

Research Manuscripts

- No more than 30 pages (text, references, figures/tables)
- Include research questions
- Include literature review, method, results, and discussion sections
- Provide clear, concise, replicable method section, including participants, setting, materials, design, procedures, and data analysis
- Include limitations and future directions within the discussion section
- Include implications for practice within the discussion section

Conceptual/Position Manuscripts

- No more than 30 pages (text, references, figures/tables)
- Include a clear position or conceptual stance within the manuscript
- Provide recommendation and/or implications
- Are focused on pushing the current thinking within the Division or field

Systematic Reviews of the Literature Manuscripts

- No more than 35 pages (text, references, figures/tables)
- Can include systematic reviews, evidence-based syntheses, meta-analyses
- Include research questions
- Include literature review, method, results, and discussion sections
- Provide clear, concise, replicable method section, including participants, setting, materials, design, procedures, and data analysis
- Include limitations and future directions within the discussion section
- Include implications for practice within the discussion section

Translations of Research to Practice Manuscripts

- No more than 20 pages (text, references, figures/tables)
- Are tailored for the practical elements; the focus is on translating research-based and/or evidence-based practices into practice to support practitioners with implementation within real settings
- The writing should reflect the translation of research into practice; they should not be written in a similar tone or fashion to research manuscripts
- The focus involves approaches practitioners can implement, which may often include a case vignette to illustrate such practices within a fictionalized settings
- Tables and figures are especially welcomed to support the application of the practice for practitioners
- The practices translated are based on current research
- Attention is on the HOW, not the why.
- Include a brief rationale/literature review and then move into the what and most importantly the HOW
- Authors are encouraged to keep in mind that although translation of research to practice articles should differ from research articles, they still need to be written for a professional audience and not colloquial in nature
- Authors are also encouraged to be mindful of voice when writing translation of research to practice manuscripts