



# Early CLASS: Communication, Language and Social Skills

## Callier Center for Communication Disorders

### The Early CLASS:

- Is a classroom-based speech, language and communication program for children with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their parents.
- Focuses on the core features of ASDs.
- Helps children become more competent communicators.
- Addresses problem behaviors that interfere with learning and relationships.
- Serves children ages 2.5 - 5 years who exhibit some use of verbal language.
- Includes a parent education component.

Dr. Pam Rollins, associate professor, developed the program and curriculum using the SCERTS philosophy, a social-communicative approach to intervention (Prizant and colleagues, 2006).

Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) trained in the SCERTS program provide behavioral therapy with a developmental perspective.

**When:** Begins August 27, 2009  
Monday - Friday  
9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Callier Center Dallas  
1966 Inwood Road  
Dallas, TX 75235

**Tuition:** \$10,800 per year

- Includes fall, spring and summer semesters.
- Scholarships may be available.
- The Early CLASS program is a tuition-based classroom program.

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The Early CLASS serves as an educational laboratory and research site for the UT Dallas program in communication sciences and disorders.

The graduate student clinicians assist the SLPs in the classroom.

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