

**Course Title:**

Augmentative and Alternative Communication

**Number of Credits:**

1

**Course Location/Format:**

This course uses the Idaho Training Clearinghouse Learning Management System (LMS) at the Center on Disabilities and Human Development at the University of Idaho. The web link for the LMS is:

<https://idahotc.com/lms>

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**Course Description:**

This self-paced course can be completed over the entire semester.

Participants can expect to deepen their knowledge by:

- Identifying and explaining 3 main characteristic differences between different speech generating devices, from different companies, used by AAC Users.
- Identifying 10 core vocabulary words, which will assist an AAC User using a speech generating device, to communicate in a variety of environments and explain why these words are so important. Additionally, they will be able to track how many times those words are used within the course of 4 days, by the AAC User, relationally to 10 other words.
- Developing and implementing an activity, which would facilitate expressive communication in an AAC User by encouraging them to initiate communication with peers and adults.
- Developing a training for the AAC User's team in the school/home environment. Training should focus on the basics of AAC and the speech generating device as well as how to facilitate expressive communication, build language skills and be a better communication partner.

**Course Requirements:**

1. Register and pay for the course
2. Complete the 15-hour online training

## **Grading:**

This is a Pass/Fail course. No incompletes will be given. Late work will not be accepted.

1. Participants must earn an 80% score on all quizzes to pass the course. Quizzes can be retaken until passed.

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- Website: <https://www.uidaho.edu/current-students/cdar>