



Course Title:

Assessment Driven Communication Intervention for Learners with Significant Disabilities (ADCI)

Number of Credits:

1

Course Location/Format:

This is an online course using the Idaho Training Clearinghouse Learning Management System (LMS) at the Center on Disabilities and Human Development at the University of Idaho. There are no face-to-face classes. The web link for the LMS is: <https://idahotc.com/lms>

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Course Description:

Session 1: “Recognizing the Communication Abilities of Learners with Significant Disabilities” – This session will focus on assessing levels of communication for learners at the non-symbolic or early symbolic level of communication. The Communication Matrix will review the assessment process and how to target levels for instruction and programming.

Session 2: “Expanding the Communicative Competence of the Pre-Symbolic Learner” – The second session will discuss the difference between intentional and intentionally communicative behaviors in learners at the pre-symbolic level of communication. Participants will see a variety of examples of learners at pre-symbolic stages.

Session 3: “Promoting Progress for the Emergent Symbolic Learner” – The final session will discuss the transition from pre-symbolic to emerging symbolic communication and describe interventions designed to promote the learner’s continued progress at this stage of expressive communication development.

University of Idaho Learning Objectives:

1. **Learn and integrate:** Through independent learning and collaborative study, attain, use and develop knowledge in the arts, humanities, sciences and social sciences, with disciplinary specialization and the ability to integrate information across disciplines.
2. **Think and create:** Use multiple thinking strategies to examine real-world issues, explore creative avenues of expression, solve problems and make consequential decisions.
3. **Communicate:** Acquire, articulate, create and convey intended meaning using verbal and non-verbal methods of communication that demonstrate respect and understanding in a complex society.

Course Objectives:

1. Participants will describe the levels of communication
2. Participants will describe the difference between intentional and intentionally communicative behaviors
3. Participants will identify the process in the transition from pre-symbolic to symbolic communication
4. Participants will identify interventions that promote more symbolic communication

Required Materials:

There are no outside readings or materials required for this course. Handouts for each webinar session are located in the course site at the Idaho Training Clearinghouse LMS.

Course Requirements:

1. Participation: Participants are required to log into/attend the full period (2 hours) of all webinars in this series.

2. Quizzes: All quizzes must be submitted through the Idaho Training Clearinghouse LMS.

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*All quizzes must be completed on the Idaho Training Clearinghouse Learning Management System on the date(s) specified in the course site. Students must earn an 80% score on each quiz to pass the course. Quizzes can be retaken until passed.

Quiz 1 (20 points)

Quiz 2 (20 points)

Quiz 3 (20 points)

3. Survey: Participants are required to complete a course satisfaction survey.

4. Final assignment: Complete a written assignment must be submitted through the Idaho Training Clearinghouse LMS.

*Final Assignment (100 points)

1. Download and review the completed Communication Matrix Profile for student ID: 311170. The Profile file is located in the ITC online course.

2. Summarize the Profile results and indicate the current level of communication

3. Write an annual goal statement for the student

4. Write 2 objectives that target one or more of the elements of communication (i.e., sender, receiver, topic, or means of expression) for the student

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 each quiz to pass the course. Quizzes can be retaken until passed.

2. Credit participants must earn an 80% (80/100) on the final written assignment to pass the course.

3. Participants must complete the online course satisfaction survey.

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Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:

Reasonable accommodations are available for students who have documented temporary or permanent disabilities. All accommodations must be approved through the Center for Disability Access and Resources (CDAR) in order to notify your instructor(s) as soon as possible regarding accommodation(s) needed for the course.

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