

Foundations in Autism Spectrum Disorders (FASD)

Program Goals and Description

Foundations in Autism Spectrum Disorders (FASD) is designed for families with autistic children, and individuals interested in a fundamental understanding of autism.

The FASD is a four-part, online, self-paced course developed to provide a basic understanding about autism, the legal environment in which schools and districts operate, and the primary instructional interventions currently being employed to help children with autism. A series of 30 mini lectures with individual quizzes and summary final exam assure content knowledge and mastery. Content knowledge areas include:

Module A: What is Autism?

1. Autism Spectrum Disorders
2. Understanding Autism
3. Diagnosing Autism
4. Associated Behaviors
5. Associated Learning Disabilities
6. Associated Environmental Sensitivities
7. Sensory Integration Disorder

Module B: Educational Requirements

8. IDEA Legislation History
9. IDEA Major Regulations
10. IEP Required Components
11. The IEP Process
12. Educational Program Components
13. The IBP and ICP
14. Monitoring Student Progress
15. Family and Caregiver Support
16. Early Intervention Programs

Module C: Behaviorism

17. Foundations of Behaviorism
18. Behavior Modification
19. Behavioral Assessment

Module D: Instructional Interventions

20. Applied Behavior Analysis
21. Verbal Behavior Analysis
22. Social Stories™ and Comic Strip Conversations
23. Occupational Therapy
24. Speech-Language Pathology
25. Special Skills Training
26. TEACCH
27. Pivotal Response Training
28. Floortime™
29. Relationship Development Intervention®
30. Structures and Aids