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Autism Inclusion & Diversity

On Demand Course

Presenter: Zouheir Kabbara, MA CCC-SLP

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is aimed at introducing you to the basics of diagnostics and neurology as it relates to autism. In addition, the course addresses some important myths and facts regarding autism as well as some of the important recent research published about autism as it pertains to professionals, family members and staff who are in contact with autistic individuals. This course creates a bridge between diagnostics, research and practice to help anyone interested in autism or who is in contact with autistic individuals better understand what it means to be autistic from a neurodevelopmental standpoint.

LEARNER OBJECTIVES

- Identify diagnostic criteria revolving around autism, specifically the social aspect.
- Identify the basics of neurology and how autism changes the brain in childhood.
- Identify and explain myths and facts about autism that are common in the general public.
- Describe the most recent research pertaining to autism and autism identification.
- Define features of autism in females.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Special Education teachers, Speech-Language Therapists, OTs, counselors, general education teachers, administrators, psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, PTs, principals, nurses, parents, and anyone who works with someone on the autism spectrum or other neurodivergent learning needs. This conference is open to anyone who wishes to attend and will cover content applicable for preschool through adulthood.

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TIMED AGENDA

Welcome and Introduction (3 min)

Background Information (29 minutes)

- Autism Information
- Autism Neurology
- Myths and Facts

Diversity & Inclusion(15 minutes)

- Latest Research
- Interpretation of Research

Clinical & Professional Impact (15 minutes)

- What to do with this Information
- Resources

Summary & Wrap Up (2 minutes)



Zouheir Kabbara, MA, CCC-SLP

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Zouheir Kabbara, MA, CCC-SLP is a Speech Language Pathologist currently working on a Ph.D. in communication sciences and disorders. Zouheir holds two bachelor degrees, psychology and communication sciences and disorders, and a masters degree in communication sciences and disorders. He was born and raised in Tripoli, Lebanon but has pursued higher education entirely in the USA. Zouheir's current research is centered around autism diagnostics and inclusivity particularly among females who identify with autism. Zouheir has been extensively involved in autism research for the past four years and has presented his research findings twice at the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) convention.

Disclosures: Zouheir Kabbara, M.A., CCC-SLP receives an annual salary for his job at Penn State University as a Research Assistant. He is also receiving payment from AEP Connections for the development and implementation of this online course. There are no non-financial disclosures to report.



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