



Diagnostic Considerations: A Focus on Autism Spectrum Disorder

Reading-Based Asynchronous Distance - Reading Based Online

Description:

This asynchronous training is focused on enhancing behavioral health providers' understanding of core symptoms of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and how they are similar to and different from symptoms of other conditions seen in pediatric populations. In addition to learning about core features of ASD and its prevalence in U.S. youth, learners also review the symptoms, presentations, and prevalence of common conditions across domains, including sensory and medical, cognition, communication, mental health, motor movement, and behavior. As these conditions may also be co-occurring for individuals with ASD, learners review similarities and differences in presentations between other conditions and ASD which help with differential diagnosis, or indicating the likelihood that the individual has ASD only, another condition only, or ASD with co-occurrence of another condition. To further enhance learning, participants engage in case studies designed to enhance understanding of how to differentiate symptoms of Autism from other conditions. By the end of the training, learners will have increased understanding of ASD and other common conditions seen in youth as well as enhanced skills in engaging in differential diagnosis of ASD.

(Al-Beltagi et al., 2021; Bishop & Lord, 2023; Bitsko et al., 2022; Hirota & King, 2023; Hirsch et al., 2023)

Instructional Format:

This course is available online as an interactive, reading based asynchronous webinar, including a combination of reading, videos and activities. Participants will complete the course and take an online post-test.

Total CE Credits: 1.5

Total Contact Hours: 1.5

Learning Objectives:

Following the training, attendees will be able to:

1. Identify five or more common differential diagnoses for Autism Spectrum Disorder.
2. Differentiate symptoms of Autism Spectrum Disorder from similar behaviors and features in other diagnoses

Course Creation Date: 2/5/2024

Target Audience: For behavioral health providers who treat military personnel, veterans, and their

families.

Instructional Content Level: Intermediate

Agenda: Course and post test are available on-demand and will take approximately 1.5 hours to complete.

Continuing Education:

Course Completion Requirements: Participants are required to complete the asynchronous training, pass the post-test with a 75% or greater score, and complete the post-training evaluation to obtain CE credit. Participants are required to complete the entire training curriculum. Partial credits cannot be issued. Attendance is accounted for through the learning management system's course tracking and recorded completion of the post-test. A post-training evaluation form must be completed in order to receive ACE social work CE credits. For other CE credits, completion of the evaluation is strongly encouraged, but if you do not wish to complete the evaluation, please contact the training event's POC after the training event.

There is a 30-day time limit post-registration to complete all CE requirements. CE Credit Certificates will be made available in the learning management system upon completion after all course requirements have been completed.

Participants are given 3 opportunities to pass the post-test. Credits will not be given if participants cannot pass with a 75% or greater score after 3 attempts at the post-test.

American Psychological Association Sponsor Approval:

The Center for Deployment Psychology is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Center for Deployment Psychology maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

Association of Social Work Boards Approved Continuing Education Provider Approval: The Center for Deployment Psychology, #1761, is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved as ACE providers. State and provincial regulatory boards have the final authority to determine whether an individual course may be accepted for continuing education credit. The Center for Deployment Psychology maintains responsibility for this course. ACE provider approval period: May 19, 2022 – May 19, 2025. Social workers completing this course receive 1.5 Reading-Based Asynchronous Distance - Reading Based Online continuing education credits.

New York State Education Department's State Board for Psychology Provider Approval: The Center for Deployment Psychology is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Psychology as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed psychologists (#PSY-0178).

New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work Provider Approval:

The Center for Deployment Psychology is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers (#SW-0744).

Inquiries regarding CE credits may be directed via email to DoD Kids Project Manager, Julie Williams

at julie.williams.ctr@usuhs.edu.

Participate:

Course Website: <https://deploymentpsych.ce21.com/item/diagnostic-considerations-focus-autism-spectrum-disorder>

Course, post-test and post-training evaluation will be accessible via CDP's learning management system upon registration at the above link.

Registration Information: Register through CDP's online Learning Management System at: <https://deploymentpsych.ce21.com/item/diagnostic-considerations-focus-autism-spectrum-disorder>

Registration Deadline: This course is on-demand and will be readily available.

Cancellations/Questions: Please contact DoD Kids Project Manager, Julie Williams, at julie.williams.ctr@usuhs.edu if you have any questions or need to cancel your registration.

Registration Cost/Refunds: Free

Required Materials: None

System Requirements: To take the course, participants will require a computer with a high-speed Internet connection (Cable modem/fiber optic) and an updated modern web browser, such as Chrome, Firefox, Safari, etc.

Special Accommodations: If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact DoD Kids Project Manager, Julie Williams at julie.williams.ctr@usuhs.edu.

Grievances: For any grievances or concerns with this training including those related to course content, non-receipt of certificate or other occurrences, participants may contact CDP's Continuing Education Director, Ms. Amanda Milochik, via email at Amanda.milochik.ctr@usuhs.edu.

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