

AUTISM AWARENESS IN EDUCATION

COURSE CONTENT OVERVIEW



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This Autism Awareness in Education course will help you to support children with autism spectrum disorders in your education setting. It will make you aware of the behaviours and difficulties that autistic children commonly face, and how you can design learning to accommodate them. Your support can help them better engage with learning and reach their full potential in life.

Module One: Introduction to Autism

This module provides an overview of how autism spectrum disorders affect children, looks at various myths and facts, and explains how the law applies to autism.

- What is autism?
- Autism spectrum disorder
- Myths and misconceptions
- Facts about autism
- What terminology should I use?
- Autism and the law

Module Two: What Causes Autism?

This module explains how autism spectrum disorders are researched and studied and what factors may cause them to develop.

- Factors that cause autism
- Genetic
- Environmental
- Neurological
- Other factors

Module Three: Autistic Behaviours

This module looks at the most common challenges that autism spectrum disorders present to children's day to day life, as well as how it comes with its own strengths.

- What are the main areas of difficulty?
- Social communication
- Social interaction
- Social imagination
- Special interests and routines
- Sensory sensitivity
- Related conditions and challenges
- Strengths in autism

Module Four: Profiling an Autistic Child

This module teaches you how to create a profile for each autistic child you work with. This is important to do, as it helps you understand how the condition affects them specifically and how you can make adjustments accordingly.

- Understanding the child
- Behaviour
- Obsessions
- Interactions
- Communication
- Anxiety
- Change
- Finalising the profile

Module Five: Your Relationship With An Autistic Child

This module discusses the importance of developing a positive relationship with autistic children, as well as understanding what aspects of your role can help you to support them.

- Your job role
- Existing knowledge
- Skills
- Characteristics
- Antifragile

Module Six: Designing Learning For An Autistic Child

This module explores the various ways you can tailor your teaching environment and methods to support children with autism.

- What does designing learning mean?
- Designing the environment
- Senses
- Locations
- Routines and transitions
- Relationships and friendships
- Teaching and learning
- Target setting and progress
- Learning preferences
- Multiple intelligences
- Tests and exams
- Behaviour and rules

Module Seven: Supporting Learning Outside School

This module explains how you can support autistic children beyond your education setting, including working together with their parents.

- Homework
- School trips
- Leisure and entertainment
- Holidays
- Parents and carers

Aims of the Training

By the end of this course, learners will understand:

- How autism spectrum disorders present challenges to children.
- What the law requires when working with autistic people.
- Research surrounding autism and its possible causes.
- The common behaviours caused by autism spectrum disorders.
- How to create a 'profile' of an autistic child.
- What a relationship with an autistic child requires from them.
- How to design learning activities to help autistic children engage with their education.
- What they can do to support autistic children's learning outside of school.