

# AUTISM LEARNING PARTNERSHIP



# PARTENARIAT D'APPRENTISSAGE EN AUTISME

NEW SKILLS • NEW UNDERSTANDING

## Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Behavioural Interventions

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CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS

Autism Learning Partnership provides professional learning opportunities for early childhood educators supporting learners with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The online course is designed by learning specialists of the New Brunswick Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in New Brunswick- Canada and is delivered worldwide.

The course includes 40 hours of online learning and is available in English and French. The course can also be blended with tailored online group tutoring sessions delivered by Board Certified Behaviour Analysts and experienced educators.



Interactive activities and opportunities for self-assessment provide an engaging approach with effective feedback on progress.



Video demonstrations of intervention sessions with preschool-aged learners show how the approaches play out in the classroom.



Downloadable audio versions of the screen content help auditory learners and reinforce screen work.



Learning Guides, including note-taking tools, highlight key concepts.



Printable sections provide an easy reference guide for continued learning on the job.

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## MODULE 1

### Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorder

Explore the common characteristics of ASD through case study examples.

## MODULE 2

### The Impact of ASD on Learning

Examine the impact of ASD on cognitive skills, motivation, play skills, and observational learning.

## MODULE 3

### Evidence-based Practice

Define and describe evidence-based interventions available to preschool learners with ASD.

## MODULE 4

### Learning and Behaviour

Define key behavioural concepts and learn how to apply intervention techniques founded on reinforcement.

## MODULE 5

### Behavioural Teaching Approaches

Learn how to use the components of learning, informally and formally, in a number of evidence-based approaches to develop new behaviour and skills for learners with autism, including the use of prompting, task analysis and embedding goals in daily routines.

## MODULE 6

### Structuring the Learning Environment

Explore how structuring the learning environment, with an emphasis on visual information and external organizational supports, can increase a child's engagement, improve independent functioning, and reduce problem behaviours.

## MODULE 7

### Communication Skills

Identify language development milestones, explore the functions of language, and learn about the uses of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) strategies.

## MODULE 8

### Managing Challenging Behaviour

Survey proactive strategies that reduce the likelihood of challenging behaviours by understanding how these behaviours function for the individual. Learn tips for documenting and monitoring the success of a behaviour support plan.

## MODULE 9

### Social Skills

Identify some of the common social skills difficulties associated with ASD and the factors that contribute to effective social skills intervention and learn how to recognize the importance of a systematic approach to intervention.