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Employment Supports and Autism Training



Course Overview:

The **Employment Supports and Autism Training** is a comprehensive, online training course for employment service providers to learn more about autism and, using best-practice strategies, will teach a range of support strategies for career professionals supporting people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in an employment context.

By completing this course, you will enhance your knowledge of ASD and your ability to accommodate both in the agency and at the workplace. You will gain an understanding and a greater confidence when providing individualized support for Autistic people and the neuro-diverse population looking to gain meaningful, long-term employment.

Who Should Take the Course?

This course is designed for career practitioners, employment support practitioners, job developers, and case managers within the supported employment landscape across Canada.

Course Objectives:

This course is broken into 10 separate modules which each focus on a different topic related to ASD. This course provides a foundation of knowledge related to ASD and effective strategies and interventions that you can use to support an Autistic job seeker or employee.

This course is presented in the following 10 modules:

- Module 1: Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Module 2: Social Communication
- Module 3: Theory of Mind
- Module 4: Literal and Pictorial Thinkers
- Module 5: Restrictive and Repetitive Behaviours
- Module 6: Sensory Sensitivities
- Module 7: Anxiety and the Autistic Job Seeker
- Module 8: Executive Functioning
- Module 9: Change and the Autistic Job Seeker
- Module 10: Practical Strategies for the Job Seeker

Evaluation Process:

At the end of each module, there are a series of post-assessment questions. Participants that do not achieve 70% can review the module content and try as many times as necessary to advance and complete the module.

Upon successfully completing all 10 modules, there is a printable certificate for your records.

Course Duration:

This online module is self-paced. Participants may leave the module at any time and can resume at any time to complete. Suggested duration of the modules range from 30 minutes to 90 minutes and total 10 hours for the entirety of the course. The duration will depend on the individual participant and their prior knowledge of the subject matter.

Testimonials:

"This training is important for societal growth. Helping others understand shifting the perspective and showing how acknowledging the way people learn changes how they perform, not that they can't perform."

"Some really good ideas and examples of what we can do (as an agency) to be more welcoming and inclusive to people with autism"

"The information was excellent and touched on a number of topics that new to me and very interesting. It was very eye opening and helped expand my awareness."

"I will use new knowledge to help support clients with ASD in my agency."