

M: Course Objectives / Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Apply basic principles to understand and support individuals' behaviour
 - Recognize behaviour as a possible powerful form of communication
 - Consider context and whole person to understand purpose of behaviour
2. Practice clear communication skills and strategies in positive behaviour support
 - Listen to individual communication including actions, interactions, reactions, and inaction
 - Use a variety of positive support strategies (e.g. ABC, Social Stories, etc.)
3. Facilitate alternative and augmentative communication opportunities, methods and strategies
 - Identify, respond to, and respect the dynamic nature of individuals' present and emerging communication methods
 - Identify and implement strategies to maximize the communication potential of each situation, including strategies that enable one to approach new situations with spontaneity and flexibility (e.g. PECS, visual schedules, etc.)

N: Course Content:

The following global ideas guide the design and delivery of this course:

- Behaviour is a form of communication. A person's actions serve purposes for that individual.
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