

Learning Disabilities and Autism



AIMS

To be able to provide effective care for those with Learning Disabilities and / or Autism

DURATION

Full Day Course (6 Hours)

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course you will:

- Know the definition of Learning Disability
- Understand some of the causes of Learning Disability
- Be aware of legislation protecting those with a learning disability
- Be able to define mental capacity and state how it is assessed
- Be aware of different types of condition that cause learning disabilities
- Know techniques for effective communication with those who have Learning Disabilities
- Understand why behaviour of concern may occur
- Be aware of techniques for dealing with such behaviour
- Know what Autism is
- Understand how autism affects those living with it
- Recognise the impact of autism of individuals, families and society
- Know some mediations used for those living with learning disabilities

LESSONS AND TOPICS

Learning Disabilities

- What is a Learning Disability?
- What causes Learning Disabilities?
- Facts and Statistics

Legislation

- Equality Act 2010
- Care Act 2014
- Mental Capacity Act 2005
- Human Rights Act 1998

Mental Capacity

- What is Mental Capacity?
- How is Capacity Assessed?
- Best Interests

Down's Syndrome

- Characteristics
- Complications
- Caring for those with Down's Syndrome

William's Syndrome

- Characteristics
- Complications
- Caring for those with William's Syndrome

Prader-Willi Syndrome

- Characteristics
- Complications
- Caring for those with Prader-Willi Syndrome

Fragile X Syndrome

- Characteristics
- Complications
- Caring for those living with Fragile X Syndrome

Introduction to Autism

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Causes of Autism
- Diagnosis
- Common Misconceptions

Common Impairments

- Social Communication
- Social Interaction
- Social Imagination

Common Characteristics

- Sensory Sensitivity
- Routines
- Observable Characteristics

Impact of Autism

- For Individuals
- For Families
- For Society

Communication

- Good communication
- Having a Communication Difficulty
- Makaton

Behaviour Support

- Behaviour of Concern
- Typical Behaviours
- What Can Be Done
- Positive Behaviour Support

Medication

- Anti-depressants
- Anti-psychotics