



Understanding Autism

Course Overview

- ◆ Our free and flexible distance learning courses are a great way to build your CV and demonstrate your commitment to continued professional development. Previous qualifications or knowledge of the subject are not required.
- ◆ All of our distance learning courses are learner-led and you do not need to be in employment to study.
- ◆ You will study via an online portfolio using a range of supplied resources. An individual tutor will be allocated to you, and they will support you throughout your learning journey.
- ◆ This course can be started at any time and learning can be undertaken at your own pace following submission deadlines.
- ◆ Throughout the course you will learn about supporting individuals with autism, communication and social interactions, and supporting positive behaviour.
- ◆ As you learn you'll gain an in-depth understanding of the responsibilities included in health or care roles, which can enable you to progress within education or a care environment, and continue to develop an excellent range of knowledge.
- ◆ At the end of the course you will achieve a nationally recognised Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Autism qualification. This is a government funded course at no cost to you.

Eligibility

- ◆ To be eligible for this course you must be over 19 years of age and have been a resident of the UK or Europe for more than three years. If you do not hold a UK passport you must be able to provide evidence of a visa and an alternative passport.
- ◆ If you are between the age of 19 - 24, you must already hold a level 2 qualification or equivalent.
- ◆ As part of the enrolment, you will be asked about your employment status. If you are employed, pre-enrolment checks on your annual gross income will be made and you will be asked to provide two wage slips from the last three months; in order to complete this distance learning course at no charge. If you are claiming benefits, you will be asked to provide proof of receipt.

Duration

- ◆ You will study the course over a period of six months, with regular dates of submission for each of the modules associated with the course.

How is it delivered?

- ◆ You will be required to read the learning materials and answer the questions related to the topic, reflecting on work and personal experience in your answers. We always recommend that you try and spend four to five hours a week working on your course in order to achieve deadlines.

Learning Methods

- ◆ Studying via distance learning means that you can complete this course using workbooks and a BCoT online portfolio.
- ◆ When studying online, you will be given a login to access your portfolio and submit your answers based on the information in the workbooks.
- ◆ Alternatively, there are options to study fully online through the portfolio platform or via paper based learning for all reading and assessments.

Course Modules

There are six modules to complete for this course:

- ◆ Unit 1: Introduction to autism
- ◆ Unit 2: Using a person-centred approach to support individuals with autism
- ◆ Unit 3: Communication and social interaction in individuals with autism
- ◆ Unit 4: Sensory processing, perception and cognition in individuals with autism
- ◆ Unit 5: Supporting positive behaviour in individuals with autism
- ◆ Unit 6: Supporting individuals with autism to live healthy and fulfilled lives

To enrol on this course:

- ◆ Go to bcot.ac.uk to enrol directly online via the distance learning page or alternatively, quote the course reference 'MDFL092' in the search box to be redirected.
- ◆ Advice and guidance to complete your enrolment will be given in person or over the phone, depending on your location.
- ◆ Once your enrolment form has been submitted online and is received by us, a member of the distance learning team will be in touch.
- ◆ All of your course materials will be provided to start your studies upon successful completion of the enrolment process.

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