



UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST
SCHOOL OF MEDICAL SCIENCES



2nd CAPE COAST AUTISM TRAINING WORKSHOP

Diagnosis and Identification of Autism Spectrum Disorders and Learning Disabilities

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST, GHANA

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Workshop Outcomes

By the end of the Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Workshop, participants will be able to:

- a) Describe and recognize characteristics of mild to significant autism.
- b) Distinguish between autism and other behaviorally similar disorders.
- c) Interpret international diagnostic criteria and their relationship to the assessment and identification of ASD
- d) Interpret various screening and diagnostic tools used in the identification of ASD.
- e) Anticipate parental concerns and demonstrate cultural competency when considering parental and familial reactions to an autism diagnosis.
- f) Confront misconceptions and assumptions about autism in the broader society.
- g) Understand the neurobiological basis of autism, etiology and global prevalence of autism.
- h) Critique the benefits and concerns associated with various intervention strategies and approaches for addressing ASD.

By the end of the Learning Disabilities Workshop, participants will be able to:

- a) Describe and recognize characteristics of specific learning disabilities (SLD).
- b) Understand potential causes of SLD.
- c) Distinguish between different subtypes of SLD, including dyslexia and dyscalculia.
- d) Distinguish between related conditions and SLD.
- e) Interpret diagnostic criteria and their relationship to the assessment and identification of SLD.
- f) Anticipate parental concerns and demonstrate cultural competency when considering familial and educator reactions to a learning disability diagnosis.
- g) Analyze the potential benefits of various instructional strategies and approaches for addressing dyscalculia and dyslexia.

PROGRAM

Monday, November 10, 2015

8:30am	Registration
9:00am	Welcome, Opening Remarks Prof. Francis Ofei Dean, University of Cape Coast SMS
9:30am	Guest Speaker Dr. Eben Badoe Dir. of Neurology and Dev. Clinic, Korle Bu Teaching Hospital
10:00am	Topic Introduction
10:15am	Pre-Survey
10:30am	Break
10:45am	Characteristics (Video reflection activity)
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Diagnostic Criteria (Cultural considerations reflection activity)
2:30pm	Assessment (Assessment tool practice activity)
3:15pm	Break
3:30pm	Assessment (Role play activity)
5:00pm	End of first session

Tuesday, November 11, 2015

9:00am	Etiology, neurological basis, misconceptions (Conceptions of ASD reflection activity)
10:30am	1st Break
10:45am	Etiology, neurological basis, misconceptions (Simulation reflection activity)
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Analysis of Evidence-Based Interventions (Practice activity)
3:30pm	Break
3:45pm	Analysis of Evidence-Based Interventions (Practice activity)
4:15pm	Question and Answer
4:45pm	Post-Survey
5:00pm	End of Session

Wednesday, November 12, 2015

9:00am	Opening remarks Dr. Irene Vanderpuye Dir., Centre for Child Development Research & Referral (CCDRR)
9:30am	Topic introduction
9:45am	Pre-Survey
10:00am	Overview of Specific Learning Disabilities (Word map activity)
10:30am	1st Break
10:45am	General types of Specific Learning Disabilities (Diagnostic scenario reflection activity)
11:45am	Causes of Specific Learning Disabilities (Cultural considerations activity)

12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Reading Disorders and Dyslexia (Oral reading role play activity)
3:30pm	2 nd Break
3:45pm	Dyslexia (Reading comprehension activity)
5:00pm	End of Session

Thursday, November 13, 2015

9:00am	Recap
9:15am	Math Disorders and Dyscalculia (Math simulation activity)
10:15am	1st Break
10:30am	Dyscalculia (Intervention reflection) and Introduction to Related disorders
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Related disorders (Attention, memory and social skills deficits; Self-monitoring strategy activity)
2:30pm	Post-Survey
2:45pm	Resource Centers (CCDRRU, ABOOM)
3:15pm	2nd Break
3:30pm	Stakeholder's forum (the way forward)
4:00pm	Closing remarks Mary Diop, CHIP International
4:30pm	Closing remarks Prof. Francis Ofei, Dean UCCSMS
5:00pm	End of Workshop