

# **Access Isn't Just a Joystick**

**Length:** 3 Hours

## **Description:**

The word “access” has a meaning that is broader than ever today. It is not only the many different options for drive controls for power chairs, but it includes access to the world around the chair. Setting up the driver controls as well as understanding how to setup the integration to devices is critical for our clients. This session will cover the many alternative driver controls available. The common programming challenges that come with each different type of driver control will be discussed to help ensure successful use for the clients. Setup of end devices is included in this session through the use of Bluetooth devices both on and off chair.

## **Objectives:**

1. Discuss the breadth of alternative driver controls and identify at least one targeted population for each.
2. List at least two critical programming parameters for each different driver control.
3. Compare and contrast different on and off chair BT ECU options and verbalize the benefits and limitations of each.
4. Identify the critical steps needed to set up tablets/phones for access from BT ECUs.

**Instructional Level:** Intermediate

**Credits:** 3.0 CCU / 0.3 CEU

**TPTA approval pending**

**TOTA approval pending**

**Presenter:**

## **Michele Bishop, ATP**

Michele is an ATP with over 25 years serving pediatrics with complex needs. She specializes in the integration of alternative drive controls and access to computers, augmentative communication devices and connectivity to phones and handheld devices. Michele brings creativity, personal experience, and a breadth of knowledge to her teaching.