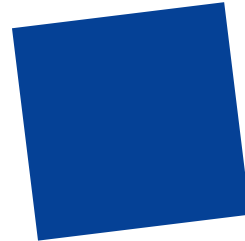


A Window into Autism

Program Flyer 2012



Introduction

A Window into Autism is a professional learning opportunity for integration aides who support students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The program supports participants to explore the world of students with ASD, investigate practical strategies and share ideas and resources.

The Autism Teaching Institute (ATI) has been engaged by the DEECD to facilitate this program. The ATI has been training teachers and teacher aides throughout the state of Victoria for the last seven years and has gained a reputation for the quality and practical nature of its courses. This is an invaluable workshop for integration aides working with students with ASD.

The program is fully subsidised. There is no cost for participation.



Target Audience

This program is open to integration aides currently employed within a Victorian government school.

Objectives

The core objectives of the program are to:

- develop and expand knowledge surrounding autism
- introduce and explore strategies to improve learning outcomes for students with autism
- investigate approaches to assist in language skill development, inclusion, curriculum adaptation and social skills development
- introduce and share practical resources and materials to assist students with autism
- explore methods to assist and support teachers within the classroom
- develop ability to communicate with teachers about the needs of students.

Key Points

- A range of learning styles will be catered for.
- Pre and post program activities will enhance learning and focus the professional development for the individual learner.
- All participants will receive a booklet containing the material covered and further readings for future reference.
- Participants will be encouraged to focus on the individual needs of their students and to share ideas with teachers within their schools.
- A dedicated Ultranet site will provide a space to share resources and experiences.

The Program

Program Structure

A Window into Autism offers a blended approach to professional learning and consists of three components:

1. Pre-Workshop:

A task, based on a profile of a student with ASD, is completed by participants together with a teacher involved with the student's learning.
2. Workshop:

A one day face-to-face workshop facilitated and supported by experienced practitioners.
3. Post Workshop:

A discussion about new strategies to trial with the student takes place between the participant and the teacher.

A live online chat room session will provide participants with the opportunity to ask further questions, share experiences and access resources.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided at the workshop.

Workshops

12 workshops will be held across the state at locations shown in the Workshop Dates inset.

How to Apply

Apply using the online application at:

<https://edugate.eduweb.vic.gov.au/Services/Schools/proflearning/default.aspx>

Successful applicants and their Principal will receive a confirmation email indicating the program date and venue details.

Key Dates

1. Applications Open: **Tuesday 31 January 2012**
2. Applications Close: **Friday 17 February 2012**

Further information

To find out more about the program please contact Marianne Murphy, Education Support Development Unit, by telephone on 9637 2186 or email at murphy.marianne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Workshop

Contents

- Program overview
- Autism diagnosis and core impairments
- Learning and Behaviour characteristics across the autism spectrum
- Q&A time with experienced practitioners
- Classroom resource material
- Evidence Based Specialised Interventions in addressing individual needs

Workshop Dates

Metropolitan locations

- Essendon – Wed 7 March
- Essendon – Wed 30 May
- Chadstone – Wed 14 March
- Ringwood – Thurs 24 May
- Moorabbin – Wed 21 March
- Frankston – Wed 6 June
- South Morang – Wed 28 March

Regional locations

- Ballarat – Wed 13 June
- Geelong – Tues 24 April
- Bendigo – Wed 16 May
- Traralgon – Wed 2 May
- Shepparton – Wed 9 May
- Other - If you are unable to attend at the locations listed, please apply indicating "other" on the application form to register your interest in an additional workshop being provided in your area.