

AAcElerated Assessment & Implementation Certificate Course Spring 2023



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Description: The AACelerated Assessment & Implementation Certificate Course is an accelerated virtual course that prepares participants to assess students with complex communication needs who may benefit from augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). The course will provide content in multiple synchronous class sessions with individual coaching through the assessment process for all participants. Participants will be required to complete one AAC assessment on a student of their choice, where feedback will be provided. A completed assessment must adhere to the class provided AAC assessment report template requirements to receive a passing grade. Upon completion of the report, participants will receive a certificate of completion for 30 hours. Students will also have the option of earning 3.0 Graduate Level PDUs which will include mentoring and coaching, totaling 45 hours of credit. *(This course does not cover assistive technology.)*

Dates & Times: Tue, 9:00-12:00 pm PST via Zoom
4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30

Registration & Additional Information

- **Course Fee:** \$2050 (due before the start of the course)
- **Attendance requirements:** Participants will attend all class sessions to earn 30 hours of credit with the option earning of 45 hours of PDU credits. PDU participants will have TBA coaching and mentoring sessions weekly through 6/20/23. Please contact Nikki with any scheduling issues.
- **Audience:** AT Specialists, Speech/Language Pathologists, and any other educational staff who wants familiarity with AAC assessments and implementation.
- **Required Materials:**
 - TASP - Test of Aided-Communication Symbol Performance
 - or
 - AAC Genie Application
 - iPad that is owned or borrowed
 - Please acquire at least one of the following AAC applications listed on this [website](#). Many are free for SLPs.

Register by visiting our website: www.AT10education.com

Student Learning Objectives

Participants will demonstrate skills and knowledge in the following areas: knowledge of the AAC Assessment Framework, identifying and using AAC assessment tools, interpreting results from using assessment tools, identifying AAC devices (low or high tech) to use in device trials during the assessment process, analyzing data results from assessment trials, providing sound recommendations for AAC, writing, legally defensible AAC reports, understanding and writing IEP goals, using progress monitoring and data collection methods, knowledge of AAC applications, AAC devices including eye gaze and switches, how to implement AAC, and how to recommend and provide training for AAC.

About Instructor:



Nikki M. Gelso, Ed.D candidate, advocates for technology and students with disabilities. She has a private practice contracting with school districts and private parties, working with students of all ages and abilities in California. Areas of expertise include both Assistive Technology and AAC. Nikki is also a co-founder/co-chair of the AT Network, a California-based organization dedicated to professional training and networking for AT specialists and related fields. She has experience in education of over 20 years and almost 15 years as an AT Specialist.

