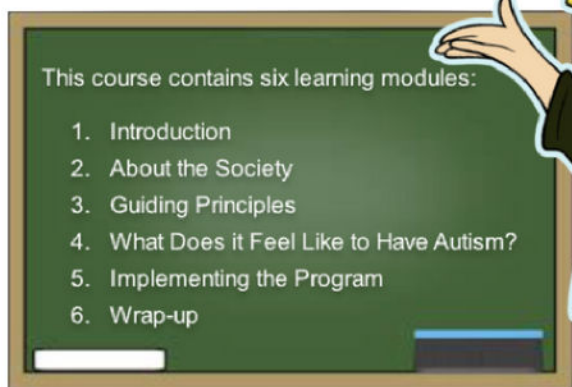


AUTISM DEMYSTIFICATION® ONLINE COURSE



The Learning Modules



ABOUT THE COURSE

Friend 2 Friend Social Learning Society offers this online, self-directed, six module course designed to prepare educators to implement our Autism Demystification Puppet Program with students ages 3 through 11.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Professional Development

Upon completion of this course, the user will:

- understand the Society and its guiding principles
- understand our evidence-based teaching model
- use the materials to implement the puppet program
- apply the learning opportunities through direct and indirect teaching

Promote Neurodiversity and Inclusion

Upon implementation of the Puppet Program with students, the user will:

- understand diversity in themselves and others
- understand the importance of social inclusion for everyone
- empathize with neurodiverse peers
- apply the prosocial communication strategies with peers

Friend 2 Friend Social Learning Society's Autism Demystification® Online Course Specifications

Learner Type	Educators Special Educators Early Childhood Educators Education Assistants Speech Language Pathologists Occupational Therapists Behaviour Interventionists Psychologists Parents Family Members Community Support Workers Others who support neurodiverse individuals in inclusive settings
Course Goal	<i>The Autism Demystification® Online Course</i> provides participants with the tools and techniques needed to prepare them to deliver the Friend 2 Friend Autism Demystification® Puppet Program with children ages 3 to 11.
Prerequisites	None - however, some knowledge of autism is useful.
Course Fees	\$100 - please note the Society is a non-government funded federally registered charity. Fees support the development of programs and services.
Training Time	Approximately 6 hours (varies depending upon the learner). Access to the course is 30 days.
Assessment	Practical evaluation and self-study evaluation.
Course Materials	Yes - Learners receive digital copies of all course materials: Puppet Play, Course Manual, Colouring Story Book, Other support materials.
Certificate	Yes - participants receive a certificate of completion.

Course Curriculum

Module 1: Introduction	<p>Introduces the learner to the course, outlining the overall goal of the course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand insight and empathy towards individuals on the autism spectrum. Describe the key elements of successful program delivery. Describe how to deliver the puppet program to the maximum benefit of the children.
Module 2: About the Society	<p>Introduces the learner to the Society, reviews the importance of the Society's mission in the delivery of programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the key phrases in the Society's mission statement. Distinguish key values of the Society. Describe the programs offered by the Society. Identify the philosophy of the Society.
Module 3: The Guiding Principles (2 parts)	<p>Introduces the learner to the Autism Demystification® model and its principles and practices, preparing the learner for the delivery of the puppet program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize the guiding principles of the model. List the key conceptual learning goals. Identify the steps in the model. List the prosocial communication strategies. Identify the steps in social movement.
Module 4: What Does it Feel Like to Have Autism (3 Parts)	<p>Supports the learner to better understand neurodiversity and the affects that autism has on individual processing styles. Also, supports the learner to empathize with autistic students and to apply the principles of the Autism Demystification® model to their daily practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize the sensory, communication and regulatory needs of individuals with autism. List four techniques for enhancing communication. Identify the connection between conventional and unconventional behaviour strategies and communication strategies. Recognize your own regulatory needs and how they relate to neurodiversity. Recognize the importance of affinities in supporting autistic individuals. Apply our 4-step teaching model to demystify the sensory, communication and regulatory needs of individuals with autism.
Module 5: Implementing the Program (6 parts)	<p>Provides the learner details for delivering the Autism Demystification Puppet Program to children ages 3 through 11. Broken into 6 parts that coincide with the 6 learning opportunities of the program. For each learning opportunity, the objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the purpose of the learning opportunity. Describe the role of the facilitator in the learning opportunity. Determine the order of the activities or steps in the learning opportunity. Identify the key phrases to use in the learning opportunity
Module 6: Wrap-Up	<p>Provides the learner with a final wrap-up to the learning, with downloadable materials for implementing the Autism Demystification Puppet Program with students ages 3 to 11. Contains follow up activities and suggestions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact information. Support materials. Printable materials. Downloadable materials.

