



Summer Institute

Training for Professionals Who Work with Students with Autism

July 20-24, 2015

The STACK (Structured Teaching for Autistic and Communication-delayed Kids) program was started in 1998 as a specialized program designed to meet the unique needs of students with autism and related disorders. The STACK program currently includes elementary, middle and high school classrooms, and has previously included a preschool program.

The ESC of Central Ohio, in collaboration with our partners at OCALI, (Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence) has developed comprehensive, interactive training designed to give professionals hands-on instruction to enhance their ability to plan for and serve students with autism spectrum disorders.





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Topics

The workshop is a comprehensive five-day training designed to give participants knowledge in the following areas:

- Assessment of students on the autism spectrum
- Characteristics and learning styles of students with ASD
- Sensory, biological and motor needs and interventions
- Reinforcement
- Communication and social skills
- Structured teaching fundamentals
- Classroom design and management
- Work systems
- Visual supports
- Student schedules
- Strategies for effective use of classroom staff
- Program implementation

Program Components

- Training and practice on the use of assessment tools such as UCC (Underlying Characteristics Checklist) and ISSI (Individual Strengths and Skills Inventory)
- Observation of a STACK classroom
- Opportunities to make materials for student use
- Practice teaching sessions with STACK students
- · Group activities encouraging active learning
- Internet access to explore Web resources
- Parent panel
- Collaborative use of OCALI's Autism Internet Modules
- · Follow up webinars and wiki with resources

Training Site

The STACK Institute will be held at a school in South-Western City School District. Participants will be notified of the specific building at a later date.

The workshop is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will be given a half hour break for a catered lunch. Registration will begin at 8 a.m.



Continuing Education Credit

Two credit hours are offered through Ashland University for \$498. Contact hours toward Continuing Education Units (CEU) are available.

Program Goal

Participants will come away from this training with a philosophy for teaching students with autism and related disorders and the ability to create a comprehensive program for the students they serve.

Institute Staff

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Other presenters will include an Occupational Therapist and Speech Pathologist.

Cancellation Policy

A full refund can be issued only if the cancellation is received at least two weeks prior to the session and the position can be filled. Registrants who drop out without providing notice before the training will be responsible for the entire tuition fee.

Registration and Fees

Register online at http://bit.ly/STACK-ESC. The first 30 applicants will be accepted.

Tuition of \$850 can be paid online or by check, credit card or purchase order. Institute tuition includes training materials (STACK handouts, *The Ziggurat Model*), lunch and follow-up webinars and wiki with resources. Checks should be made payable to the ESC of Central Ohio. Purchase orders are accepted if the fee is paid in advance of the training.

For help with registration or Ashland University credit, please contact Sandy Denney at Sandy.denney@escco.org or 614.542.4111.