
Assistive Technology Unit

20 CAT points

This popular course gives an overview of Assistive Technology to support communication and learning and is delivered over four day sessions. This unit offers an excellent baseline for the establishment of multi agency specialist support in this field.

The Assistive Technology Unit will focus on the following areas.

Assessment

Consideration is given to the key principles and practice in the assessment process.

Access and Positioning

You will learn about the range of access methods and devices, and principles to determine which access method is the most appropriate for an individual.

Augmentative and Alternative Communication

An introduction to the range of AAC systems, their features, access methods and when and how to use them.

Recording information using symbols, images sound and text.

This is a closer look at a range of supportive software programs which provide physical, sensory and learning support.

Participants are required to attend 4 face-to-face days and complete a 3500 word assignment. The assignment will evidence your own critical analysis in relation to your work based practice.

Cost £600*

Augmentative & Alternative Communication Unit

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Our AAC Unit provides a thorough exploration of Augmentative and Alternative Communication systems.

You will explore the needs of individuals with complex communication difficulties and critically evaluate the range of Assistive Technology resources and strategies available.

The course will encourage a thorough analysis of solutions, including issues around assessment, implementation, support and training. you will consider a client-centred approach and explore the processes and decision making involved in the assessment of individuals who require AAC.

Cost £600*

Recording Unit

20 CAT points

The Recording Unit considers the principles and practice of supporting individuals with communication and physical disabilities to share information in a written or visual form.

You will explore the range of supportive software available giving consideration to different access methods and the use of symbols, images, sounds and/or text.

This Unit aims to develop an understanding of issues involved in working collaboratively with the client, family, support agencies and relevant professionals throughout the assessment and implementation cycle. You will investigate the process and decision making involved in the assessment of individuals who may require support with accessing and recording information and examine strategies and issues surrounding the implementation of adapted and/or alternative systems.

Cost £600*

Access and Control Unit

20 CAT points

This Unit considers the issues involved in the access and control of technology for communication and learning.

You will investigate the issues around the seating and positioning of a client to improve their control of assistive technology and considerations for mounting equipment appropriately. Further consideration will be given to the range of hardware and software available and you will critically evaluate access methods, strategies and the long term consequences of their use.

You will consider the importance of working collaboratively with the client, family, support agencies and relevant professionals throughout the assessment and implementation cycle.

Cost £600*

Completion of any of the above three units requires attendance on 4 face-to-face days, completion of a portfolio of work and a presentation of a case study accompanied by a 2500 word piece of supportive written work.

