

Course code CLA.1.ASD

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Course information

Title	Understanding and Supporting Students With ASD and ADHD
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Course URL	<u>teacheracademy.eu/course/asd-and-adhd/</u>
N. of participants	Min. 4 - Max. 14
Course length	One week (6 days, Monday - Saturday)
Language	English. Other languages may be available upon request
Locations and starting dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Athens</u> - Second Monday of the month • <u>Florence</u> - First Monday of the month • <u>Tenerife</u> - Third Monday of the month • <u>Vienna</u> - Second Monday of the month
Free time activities offered	All courses include at least one city guided tour and one full-day Cultural Activity.
Type of certification awarded	Certificate of Attendance, including a description of the course contents (80% of attendance required); other Certificates may be available upon request
Price	<p>Starting from 480€ *</p> <p>* Our courses are eligible to be completely funded by the <u>Erasmus+ KA1 funds</u> and several other programs.</p>

Course contents

<p>Description</p>	<p>The growing prevalence of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) poses challenges for all teachers. The very tasks these students find the most difficult – e.g. concentrating, coping with change, understanding multiple perspectives, sustaining attention to tasks – are the ones they are required to do all day long in every classroom environment. Students with ASD may need support making sense of the world and how to participate in it while students with ADHD can be energetic, creative, innovative problem solvers that need support in managing hyperactivity, impulsivity and inattention.</p> <p>This highly interactive teacher training course provides a solid introduction to the challenges of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in education and offers suggestions on how to adapt effective educational techniques to fit these learning differences.</p>
<p>Learning outcomes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognize and understand the traits and learning styles of students with ASD and/or ADHD;• Apply specific teaching methods, classroom strategies and techniques for ASD and ADHD in the Classroom (e.g. task analysis, visual prompts, social stories);• Become familiar with the fundamental core strategies of the TEACCH approach, the basic principles of PECS and Makaton signs and symbols;• Create meaningful and individualized visual structures/supports for students with ASD;• Develop school-based interventions (e.g. classroom management techniques and accommodations) for students with ASD and/or ADHD;• Collaborate with parents and build home-school partnerships.

Tentative schedule*

Day 1 - Course introduction & intro to ASD and ADHD	Day 2 - Methods to support students
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diagnostic criteria for autism spectrum disorder and the related diagnosis of social communication disorder;• Severity levels of ASD;• Definitions and descriptions of ADHD types;• Revision to the criteria of DSM-5 to identify the signs and symptoms of ASD and different types of ADHD.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teaching methods, classroom strategies and techniques to support students with ASD and/or ADHD (e.g. task analysis, visual prompts, social stories);• Slides presentation, group discussion and hands on activities.
Day 3 - Promoting independent communication	Day 4 - Meeting the academic needs of students with ADHD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alternative/augmentative communication systems (e.g. TEACCH, PECS teaching protocol);• Implementing specific prompting and reinforcement strategies that lead to independent communication;• Slides presentation, group discussion and team work practical activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategies for supporting students with ADHD in educational settings;• Modifying teaching approach and classroom environment to best accommodate behavioral challenges and develop social skills;• Group discussion and team work practical activities.
Day 5 - Parent/teacher collaboration	Day 6 - Course closure & excursion
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaborating with parents and building home-school partnerships to provide a supportive environment;• Group discussion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course evaluation: round up of acquired competences, feedback, and discussion;• Awarding of the course Certificate of Attendance.• Cultural activities• Excursion and other external cultural activities.

*The schedule describes likely activities but may differ significantly based on the requests of the participants, and the trainer delivering the specific session. Course modifications are subject to the trainer's discretion. If you would like to discuss a specific topic, please indicate it at least 4 weeks in advance.

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