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## **STEP BY STEP TO AUTISM**

**Short course organized by Malta University Consulting Ltd in collaboration with the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Malta**

**March/April 2020 (12 hours)**

**Course registration fee: €130**

**Time: 5.30p.m. – 7.30p.m.**

**Dates: March 2020: Wednesday 18; Wednesday 25**

**April 2020: Wednesday 1; Wednesday 8; Wednesday 22; Wednesday 29**

**Venue: University Residence, Robert Mifsud Bonnici Street, Lija (ample parking space available)**

### **Aim of course**

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a condition that affects verbal and nonverbal communication, social skills, and behavior.

This course will enable participants to obtain detailed information on ASD. Participants will learn how to understand and interact with individuals with this condition. It should appeal to parents, educators, and other professionals and employers who would like to better their knowledge on ASD.

### **Course content**

1. ASD: An introduction
2. Communication and ASD
3. Understanding the behaviour of individuals with ASD
4. Social interaction and ASD
5. Use of visual and social tools
6. ASD in the school and work environment

### **Learning outcomes**

1. To obtain a general view of ASD. To understand the why's and how's of ASD.
2. To examine the communication style of individuals with ASD.
3. To learn how to manage different and challenging behaviours.
4. To be around to help individuals with ASD to understand the social world and to be able to interact in it.
5. To learn how to produce and use a variety of aids that will help individuals with ASD.
6. How to work with individuals with ASD in the school and work environment to enable the individuals with ASD to perform to the best of their ability.

### **Delivery style**

The course will be delivered through a series of lectures and workshops, with opportunities for discussion.

### **Course co-ordinators**

**Kristina Agius**, B.Sc. (Hons), M.Ed. Autism (Birm) is a Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) specialised in the field of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). She currently works as an Assistant Lecturer in the Communication Therapy Department, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Malta. Ms Agius also worked as a Specialist SLP in ASD in the Speech-Language Department, Malta, and had a work placement at the Speech and Language Therapy Department, Yorkhill Division, NHS Greater Glasgow.

Ms Agius has present and past experience working with children and adults with ASD and presenting workshops to parents and educators on different subjects concerning ASD.

**Dr Nadine Tabone**, Au.D. (NSU), Ph.D. (Melit) is a full time lecturer in the Department of Communication Therapy at the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Malta. She is a practicing Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist with a special interest in hearing impairment and auditory processing.

Dr Tabone holds a Master of Science degree in Audiological Science from UCL and a Doctor of Audiology degree from Nova Southeastern University. She has also obtained a Ph.D. in the area of auditory processing skills in children where she has developed a behavioural test battery for auditory processing skills in Maltese children aged between 7 and 9 years.

Within her clinical practice a substantial portion of her caseload involves children and adolescents with ASD in which her main focus targets the development of their language and communication skills.

### **Certification**

Participants who attend at least 80% of the sessions will be awarded a Certificate of Attendance issued by Malta University Consulting Ltd.

**Course registration fee and contact information:** Cheques are to be made payable to Malta University Consulting Ltd

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