

# Autism Navigator for Classroom Success in PreK to 2nd Grade



## About the Course

**Autism Navigator for Classroom Success in PreK to 2nd Grade** is a self-paced 15 to 20 hour online professional development course with interactive slides and practical video examples. It is designed to increase the capacity of preschool, kindergarten, first and second grade teachers, special educators, therapists, special area teachers, and school staff to support children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in the classroom and school environment.

This course provides an overview of how the unique characteristics of autism may impact a student's school experience and interfere with classroom learning. An evidenced-based framework is offered using a lens of active engagement to prioritize goals and a layer cake of transactional supports or teaching strategies to promote learning and positive behavior. To achieve the intensity needed and promote generalization for students with autism, we highlight the importance of teaching and learning across everyday school activities. There is no need to purchase special materials or a curriculum. The content will enable teachers to support students with the materials and activities already available in the classroom.

Our companion online course, the **How-To Guide for Families**, will be instrumental for school teams to educate families with four Guidebooks and video illustrations in a Library of Everyday Activities at home. It will put in the hands of families hundreds of video illustrations of evidence-based intervention techniques they can implement in everyday activities they are already doing to support their child's learning as soon as they suspect autism.

## What You Will Learn from The Course

### Unit 1: About Autism

1. How does the classroom function as a microcosm of learning for all children, including those with autism?
2. What are the core features of autism and how do they interfere with classroom learning?

### Unit 2: Prevalence and Causes of Autism

1. Why is the prevalence of autism increasing?
2. What causes autism?

### Unit 3: Active Engagement

1. What are the components of active engagement?
2. How can partnerships with families and the school team promote active engagement?

### Unit 4: Transactional Supports

1. What transactional supports promote active engagement?
2. How can partnerships help get supports in place for student success?

### Unit 5: Addressing Challenging Behaviors

1. Why do children with autism have challenging behaviors?
2. How can the function of challenging behaviors be understood?
3. How is a positive behavior support plan developed?

Our e-learning platform includes a Tools section that has printable documents to support your learning and application—some that are fillable forms and some to share with families. You can also complete a Learner Assessment with questions about information presented in each Unit, and then down-



load or print a certificate of completion for each Unit. Your Autism Navigator certificate of completion can be used to claim teacher inservice or continuing education hours.

### Companion to the How-To Guide for Families

Professionals with an annual subscription to Autism Navigator courses receive seats in the How-To Guide for Families, a value of \$500 per seat, to invite families who have a child with autism or suspects their child has autism who are ready to get started supporting their child's learning. While families can purchase the How-To Guide, the goal is that a teacher or provider on their care team can invite them to the course at no cost to the family.

### How to Enroll in the Course

You can learn how to enroll in Autism Navigator courses at AutismNavigator.com. Find Courses on the top menu bar. Scroll down to see descriptions of the courses we offer and select Learn How to Enroll. You will be asked where you live because some states or regions have group rates or sponsored seats available. Select Family Resources to learn about the free courses and tools in our Seamless Path for Families.