



About the Course

Why the Course Is Needed

Children learn to talk at an amazing rate but what does it take to learn to talk? Most parents and professionals know the early motor milestones—that children should be sitting up at around 6 months, crawling at 9 months, walking at 12 months. However, few parents or professionals know the key early social communication milestones. These milestones offer a critical window into the wellbeing of infants and toddlers and are the earliest signs of healthy development and school readiness.

Course Audience

Social Communication Development in Infants and Toddlers (SC•DIT) is an online professional development course designed as a stand-alone course for continuing education units or a module within a university course for undergraduates or beginning graduate students. It is geared for any discipline that will work with young children and families, including child development, communication science and disorders, psychology, social work, early childhood education and special education, nursing, pediatrics, family medicine, or other related fields. The course has two levels described below.

SC•DIT—Knowledge & Skills Level Course Content

The Knowledge and Skills level course content is organized into 5 domains of social communication development with two developmental threads within each domain:



Domains and Threads

Developmental Domains	Thread 1	Thread 2
1. Language	Gestures & Meanings	Sounds and Words
2. Play	Using Actions with Objects	Social Sharing with Objects
3. Social Interaction	Social Attention	Intentional Communication
4. Emotional Regulation	Sharing & Managing Emotions	Regulating Challenging Moments
5. Self-Directed Learning	Understanding Messages	Creating New Ideas

Our self-paced course has an **Explore function** with side-by-side video players with hundreds of video clips to illustrate the social communication milestones that develop from 7 to 24 months of age—5 milestones per thread and 16 in each domain every 2 months. We have extended our milestones down to 1 month of age and the video clips for infants 1 to 8 months of age will be gradually added and finished soon. We have 10 milestones every 2 months totaling 120 from 1 to 24 months.

The **Study-Guide function** of the course has self-guided Lessons to provide opportunities to study how the social communication milestones shift and change over time from 7 to 24 months, how reaching milestones in these 5 developmental domains culminate in school readiness indicators by 24 months, and how the developmental interaction of reaching these milestones across domains has a cumulative impact that leads to 5 critical paths to learning.

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