AUTISM DIAGNOSTIC OBSERVATION SCHEDULE SECOND EDITION (ADOS-2) INTRODUCTORY 2024

WHAT IS THE ADOS-2?

The Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule Second Edition (ADOS-2) is a semi-structured, standardised assessment of communication, social interaction, and play. It provides a series of standardised contexts in which the individual's social, communication and repetitive, stereotyped behaviours can be observed. It has been designed to assist in the diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder and is a complementary instrument to the Autism Diagnostic



Interview Revised (ADI-R). Standardised toys and activities are used to present opportunities for social and communicative interaction with the examiner. A diagnostic algorithm consistent with DSM-V and ICD-10 clinical diagnoses is generated.

WHO PROVIDES THE TRAINING?

Psychologist Deborah Sweeney has been training clinicians in the use of the ADI-R and ADOS-2 for many years throughout Asia and the Pacific region. Deborah was previously working in autism research at Monash University and now works in private practice providing consultation for complex presentations of autism spectrum disorder.

WHAT DOES THE TRAINING INCLUDE?

The two-day workshop provides an introduction to the ADOS-2 as an assessment tool and is a first step in the process for establishing reliability. It uses a mixture of large group lecture, demonstration, and scoring, as well as video demonstration of the ADOS-2. Pre-course work including readings and videos to watch will be emailed prior to the training. This information will be assumed knowledge for the training. In person training includes morning/afternoon tea and lunch.

This training does not include the Toddler Module; see Mindful Website for ADOS-2 Toddler Module training dates and information.

PRE-REQUISITE TRAINING

To be eligible for this training participants are required to have completed the ASD Assessment Fundamentals and Co-occurring Conditions 2-day training (formerly "Complexities of ASD Assessment"). As our autism training calendar is designed for mental health clinicians working with complex clients, we have made the ASD Assessment Fundamentals and Co-occurring Conditions a prerequisite to ADOS-2 training as it covers all components of a comprehensive autism assessment. This includes a comprehensive developmental history, consideration of collateral information and issues of comorbidity, differential diagnosis and formulation. The ADOS-2 is one component of an autism assessment and we would like to ensure that all clinicians attending have a broad understanding of the complexities of ASD assessment.

If you are working in adult mental health, completing both the Adult Autism Introductory online on-demand training and Adult Advanced Autism two-day training will suffice as the pre-requisite for the ADOS-2 Introductory workshop. For further information please see our Frequently Asked Questions website page.

View all our Autism training workshops at:

https://mindful.org.au/asd-training

Please note:

We encourage early registration as some workshops reach capacity quickly. Additional workshops may be scheduled if there is sufficient interest.

Fees listed include the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Where are we?

Mindful – Centre for Training and Research in Developmental Health Department of Psychiatry, University of Melbourne

Building C, 50 Flemington Street, Travancore VIC 3032



This training will be delivered as a live webinar via Zoom unless otherwise indicated.

Enquiries

Please direct enquiries to Frances Saunders, Statewide Autism Training Coordinator at:

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Wed 7th & Thurs 8th February (live webinar) Thurs 7th & Fri 8th March (in-person)* Wed 10th & Thurs 11th April (live webinar) Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd May (in-person)* Wed 19th & Thurs 20th June (live webinar)

*This workshop is planned to be in person at the Mindful Centre. If due to COVID-19 the workshop is unable to be conducted in person, participants will be given the option of a refund or participating in this workshop as a live webinar. Other costs associated with attending in-person training remain the responsibility of the participant if training is cancelled. In finalising bookings, preference will be given to Victorian participants.

COST: \$900

Subsidised rate of \$450 is available to Victorian;

CYMHS/CAMHS/ICYMHS/AMHS: including Orygen, Victorian Headspace, ACCHO/ACCHS, Take Two clinicians, and clinicians employed at Victorian publicly funded Adult Mental Health Services (including Forensicare).

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Register online at https://mindful.org.au/asd-training

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Cancellation Policy: Registered participants who are unable to attend and notify us of this in writing prior to fourteen days before the workshop may either: (1) cancel their registration and receive a refund of their payment minus administration fee of 20% or \$40, whichever is greater; (2) transfer their registration to another eligible participant (no fee); (3) in some circumstances may be able to transfer their registration to an equivalent-cost ASD workshop in the same calendar year, if space is available. Participants who cancel 14 to 2 burses days before the workshop may be permitted to transfer their registration to another eligible participant (no fee). In exceptional circumstances, please contact Mindful.

