



• A Framework for Applying Structured Teaching Across the School Day •

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Prerequisite: Teams of 2-4 currently working with a student with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD); this student will be the subject of a case study.

Audience: Teams must include a case manager (e.g. special educator) or professional designee. At least one person must be familiar with the student. Additional team members could include: special educators, related service personnel (e.g. occupational therapists, speech/language pathologists, physical therapists, counselors), paraprofessionals, parents, administrators, and/or behaviorists.

This three-day workshop is an intensive training in comprehensive, effective programming for students with ASD and other similar learners. Participants will practice using a planning framework tool and software (included) to analyze and design appropriate physical and visual structures grounded in principles of structured teaching. Each team will create a planning binder and starter materials for their student. Discussion will also include designing comprehensive programs, developing short and long-range plans, creating relevance and connection to the IEP, and designing effective instructional strategies.

Day 1: Setting the Stage for Structure: Creating Autism-Friendly Environments

Day 2: Designing and Implementing Supports to Guide Students Across the Day

Day 3: Matching Structure to Content Instruction; Action Planning; and Next Steps

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Dates: August 7, 8, 9, 2019
Place: Middlebury Union Middle School
Room 218
Cost: \$540 for 3-day workshop
\$1080 for 3-day workshop & 2-credit
course
Time: 8:30-3:30



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