Assessment and Treatment of Complex Feeding Disorders:

Assessing and Treating the Whole Child



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Faculty

Mary (Polly) Tarbell-Bickley engages students with her dynamic presentation style and deep expertise gained over 29 years as a speechlanguage pathologist specializing in pediatric feeding disorders. She currently works at the University of Virginia's Children's Hospital in Charlottesville, Virginia. She is the director of the nationally known Encouragement Feeding Program, through which she has directly seen over 600 children with complex feeding disorders. She has published a peer reviewed article in Infants and Young Children regarding weaning children from gastrostomy tubes and has co-published a chapter in Communication Sciences and Disorders: An Introduction, 2006. She currently lectures at the University of Virginia Curry School of Education regarding pediatric feeding disorders.

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Webinar

About this Course

Clinicians will be taught the necessary components of a comprehensive evaluation of feeding problems including those encountered by children with oral motor dysfunction, ankyloglossia, oral motor inexperience, oral hypersensitivity, behavioral rigidity and anxiety as seen in children with cardiac issues, prematurity, ASD, syndromes and SPD. Focus will be on a holistic treatment approach for challenging feeding disorders that are characteristically seen with tube dependency, oral inexperience, severe oral hypersensitivity, rigid eating patterns, and difficulty transitioning to table foods. Participants will leave with a comprehensive therapy tool-box including suggestions for reducing mealtime stress, improving oral competence and thus confidence and ensuring family carryover. Video case analysis will enhance problem-solving in hospital.

Objectives

- 10 Identify children who are appropriate for oral functional therapy.
- Perform a holistic evaluation for complex feeding problems.
- Identify the barriers to normal eating patterns and reasonable treatment goals.
- Develop a holistic treatment approach, including determining treatment priorities and the appropriate intensity of therapy (including issues of timing as to when to use resources differently).

Audience

This course is designed for those who care for children (infant through school age) with complex feeding disorders; Dietitians, OTs, OTAs, PTs, PTAs, SLPs Psychologists, and Special Educators.



Schedule - Day 1

5:40-6:00 Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens

6:00-8:00 Holistic evaluation from NICU to home:

Assessment of the elements that impact

feeding - cardiac, respiratory, gastro-

intestinal, growth, medications and oral

structures including ankyloglossia

8:00-9:30 Holistic evaluation: Impact of sensory,

motor, and developmental issues on feeding

Schedule - Day 2

5:40-6:00 Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens

6:00-8:00 Holistic evaluation: Impact of anxiety,

environment and parent-child interactions

on feeding and eating

8:00-9:00 Analyzing and determining the barriers to

functional feeding

9:00-9:30 Case Studies - Clinical Problem-Solving:

Autism, Chromosomal disorders, Prematurity, Structural deficits.

Schedule - Day 3

5:40-6:00 Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens

6:00-8:00 Foundations for feeding the toddler/young

child, physiological readiness for optimal

outcomes

8:00-9:30 The importance of play, sensory

integration, and behavior management:

Techniques that work

Schedule - Day 4

5:40-6:00 Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens

6:00-8:00 Treatment techniques that take the whole

child into consideration

Case Studies - Clinical Problem-Solving:

Including children with selective eating

issues, oral motor impairments, oral

hypersensitivity, and oral inexperience

8:00-9:00 Treatment elements and techniques

Outcome measurements

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