

Davis Autism Approach[®]
**Professional Training
Program**



This professional training is designed for those who wish to further explore Ron Davis's approach to assisting autistic individuals to participate more fully in life, with the view to continue on to become a licensed Davis Autism Approach Facilitator-Coach.

This training is suitable for parents, caregivers, teachers, support persons, therapists and other interested professionals.

Characteristics necessary for success as a DAA Facilitator:

- Patient
- Calm, composed demeanour
- Observant
- Sensitive and alert to non-verbal communication
- Empathetic vs. sympathetic
- Enjoys fun and play.
- Belief that autistic individuals can be guided towards full participation in life.

Training Structure - Level One

Davis Autism Approach Introduction Workshop 1.1

Introduction to the Core Principles (5 days)

Field Assignment One (Part A & B) (40-60 hours)

Davis Autism Approach Facilitation Workshop 1.2

Introduction to Facilitation and Supervised Practice (7 days)

Application for enrolment in licensing training

Training Structure - Level Two

This training is the advanced level training required for licencing as a Davis Autism Approach Facilitator

Field Assignment Two (Part A & B) (80-120 hours)

Davis Autism Approach Advanced Methods Workshop 2

Advanced Methods and Practice (8 days)

Practicum (Up to 300 hours)

Final Assignment (10 hours)

Training Details - Overview of the Training Content

Level One

Davis Autism Approach Introduction Workshop 1.1

Introduction to the Core Principles (5 days)

Cost \$1495 - *inclusive of workshop materials*

This five-day workshop is a professional level introduction to the core principles and theory of the Davis Autism Approach. You will discover the methodology behind this program and how it fills in the 'missing pieces' of Individuation, Identity Development and Social Integration for autistic individuals. You will learn how to use for yourself the Davis "self regulatory tools", how to guide others in their use, and be taken on a journey of the practical exploration of the concepts outlined in the book *Autism and the Seeds of Change*.

The workshop follows the format of: theoretical components, question and answer sessions and demonstrations, followed by guided hands on practice and feedback in readiness for the first Field assignment.

Davis Autism Approach Field Assignment One (Part A & B) (40-60 hours)

Cost \$1100

This assignment is in two parts, firstly part A is in keeping with our belief that "all real knowledge is experiential". You will create all of the Concepts of Self thru Responsibility and explore them in your daily life; photos of these along with your reflections will be submitted for feedback.

In Part B, you will practice the Davis "self-regulatory tools" for yourself as well as guide two or more volunteers through their establishment along with Introduction to Concept Mastery until comfortable guiding these procedures with little or no reference to manuals.

You will have up to 4 hours email, phone or skype consultation time with an experienced Davis Autism Approach Supervisor throughout this assignment plus written feedback on your reports and reflections.

Davis Autism Approach Facilitation Workshop 1.2

Introduction to Facilitation and Supervised Practice (8 days – with one study-free day between day 4 and 6)

Cost \$2100

This workshop is designed to develop the 'art of facilitation' allowing for small group practice in facilitating others through the Identity Development Concepts and Establishing Order Exercises. There will be demonstrations, and guided practice allowing for feedback from the Presenter and your peers.

You will be introduced to the Relationship Concepts, which are the foundations of Social Integration, through guided practice and Q&A. There will be a practical evaluation of your ability to guide another through the Davis self- regulatory tools and Introduction to Concept Mastery practiced in Part B of Field assignment 1.

You will then be introduced to the Davis Orientation Methods, which can be used for high functioning autistic individuals followed by small group practice and guidance of these procedures. Time will be spent on Q&A and how the concepts build one upon the other, and how to effectively explore the concepts in the environment in readiness for Field Assignment 2.

There will be an overview of the licencing benefits and agreements along with an individualised meeting to discuss your readiness to apply for the Level Two licencing training.

Application for enrolment in licencing training

Opportunity to share motivations, business plan and personal history, to read and understand the License Agreement and be in agreement with the Davis Autism Approach Standards of Practice. Complete the entry-level portion of the Training Self-Evaluation E-booklet, which will be used as a learning guide throughout the Level Two training.

Level Two

Field Assignment Two (part A & B) (80-120 hours)

Cost \$1100 - includes Davis Orientation Procedures DVD

This assignment is designed to allow for facilitation practice and in-depth reflection on the Concepts and Orientation Procedures.

Part A - You will practice the Orientation Procedures used for high functioning autistic individuals with two or more volunteers until comfortable guiding these procedures with little or no reference to manuals.

Part B – Complete two programs with two non-autistic volunteers - one must be an adult. Complete the assignment reports and reflect on the process.

You will have up to 4 hours email, phone or skype contact with an experienced Davis Autism Approach supervisor throughout this time plus written feedback on your reports and reflections.

Davis Autism Approach Advanced Methods Workshop 2

Advanced Methods and Practice (9 days – with one study-free day scheduled between day 4 & 6)

Cost \$2500

This workshop addresses the advanced theories underlying Identity Development and Social Integration. You will experience and practice the specially developed Davis procedures for establishing and maintaining rapport with your autistic clients.

There will be supervised facilitation practice to demonstrate competence and receive feedback on the full range of technical procedures required to facilitate a complete Davis Autism Approach Program.

You will be introduced to and have small group practice of the Responsibility Exercises designed to assist older higher functioning autistic individuals who have experienced failed responsibility in areas of their lives, as well as exercises for establishing new behaviors. There will also be small group practice and feedback on Intake and Assessment procedures.

There will be tutorials, Q&A and group discussions regarding: adapting to the client, facilitated vs. coached program structure, scheduling and guidelines; various types of clients (adults, children, verbal, non-verbal), required program materials; program administration & forms and standards of practice. Information on trademark use; licensing agreement requirements and benefits; website requirements and license renewal criteria will be detailed along with an individualised meeting to discuss your readiness for the Practicum.

Davis Autism Approach Program - Practicum (up to 300 hours)

Conduct three full programs with individuals, who are on the autism spectrum

Cost \$2500

In your own professional practice setting, provide three complete Davis Autism Approach Programs with volunteers on the autism spectrum. You will receive up to 15 hours of supervision and mentoring from an experienced DAA Supervisor, including regular skype meetings and feedback on video segments or live links of your work. Case reports of each program must be submitted for review, evaluation and feedback.

Final Assignment (10 hours)

Cost \$300

Submit in writing or video some simple explanations - as if speaking to a prospective client/ parent/ caregiver about the various aspects of the Davis Autism Approach principles and methods. Submit your Training Self- Evaluation E-booklet showing all past learning goals and targets have been met.

NOTE: Any of the training steps may require repeating and in some cases a trainee may be asked to do a personal Concept Program prior to continuing.

Additional Supervisor hours beyond those included in each Field Assignment may be purchased at \$100 per hour.

Annual license fee: \$500 for the first year, \$750 thereafter.

Annual renewal criteria: Client list and completed research questionnaires along with one case report per annum for the first two years of licencing; followed by periodic submissions of case reports for quality assurance upon request of DAI. A reading fee of \$150 will be charged for each case study submitted.

Please note all costs and fees are in US Dollars.



License benefits:

- Right to use DAVIS trademarks in promotion and advertising facilitated and coached Davis Autism Approach Program.
- Right to print copyrighted marketing materials created by DAI.
- Right to purchase specialised DAI materials from authorized vendors.
- Right to offer NOIT use supervision to families of non-verbal autistic individuals.
- Subscription to DAA Facilitator email network for peer support and advice.
- Periodic e-newsletters & technical updates/bulletins from DAI.
- Consultation with DAA Supervisors as needed.
- Listing on DAI website.
- Referrals of program inquiries received by DAI.
- Further Professional development opportunities.

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