

Evidence-Based Best Practices for the Severely Involved and Medically Complex Student

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Faculty

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About this Live Webinar

Learn to apply evidenced based school-based practices to the severely involved and medically complex child using a "problem-based learning or PBL" approach. Participants are encouraged to provide actual cases for the PBL series. This course will provide the school-based practitioner the opportunity to learn and apply an evidenced based framework to support educationally relevant and necessary decision making in school-based practice. Participants are provided practice tools to facilitate case organization and their clinical reasoning. The series will facilitate participants to develop their own clinical reasoning skills and apply assessment, IEP documentation, intervention strategies including assistive technology, data collection and dosing concepts to meet the needs of the medically complex student. The importance of developing collaboration and coaching skills will be stressed. Participants will work individually and with other participants to enhance their learning and ability to apply the content to their own students.

Objectives

- Describe the frameworks of practice used in school occupational and physical therapy practice and applicability to the severely involved and/or medically complex student.
- Apply a top-down and ecological approach to the school-based assessment in the severely involved and/or medically complex student.
- Distinguish between three different service models used in school practice.
- Analyze student specific needs to apply appropriate intervention strategies for the severely involved and/or medically complex student across academic and non-academic settings.
- Determine appropriate school-based dosing for the severely involved and/or medically complex student using a multi-factor approach in 2 case studies.
- Construct 1-2 goals and related objectives that support data collection with fidelity to distinct, evidence-based approaches for the severely involved and/or medically complex student.

Audience

This course is relevant for Physical Therapists, Physical Therapist Assistants, Occupational Therapists, and Occupational Therapy Assistants.

Schedule – Day 1 5:40 pm - 9:00 pm EST (US)

- 5:40-6:00 **Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens**
- 6:00-6:30 Introduction to Problem Based Learning: Applying problem-based learning to the medically complex child
- 6:30-8:30 An Evidence Based Framework for Evaluation and Treatment of the Medically complex child
- ④ Understanding participation
 - ICF, its application to school-based practice
 - Using a top-down approach to assessment
 - ④ Application of the ecological approach
 - ④ Determining supplementary aids and services
 - ④ Goals, objectives, data collection
 - ④ Embedded intervention
 - Evidence based interventions for different populations
 - ④ Service delivery models
 - ④ Dosing
 - ④ IEP documentation strategies
- 8:30-9:00 Application of Practice Tools
- ④ Clinical Reasoning tool: to guide your decision making
 - ④ Guidance documents:
 - Writing present levels of academic achievement and functional performance
 - Supplementary aids and services
 - Goals and objectives
 - ④ Data sheet
 - Collecting data – how, when and what
 - ④ Dosing decision
 - Dosing Framework

Schedule – Day 2 5:40 pm - 9:00 pm EST (US)

- 5:40-6:00 **Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens**
- 6:00-9:00 Problem based Learning: Case 1 – Medically Complex Students (i.e., Multi System Involvement)
- ④ Case study summary – Instructor provided case
 - ④ Applying the frameworks – Breakouts
 - Group work: Assessment process
 - Assessing participation, utilizing the ICF
 - Other assessment tools
 - Writing goals & objectives
 - Determining supplementary aids and services

Schedule – Day 2 5:40 pm - 9:00 pm EST (US) cont.

- Data collection
- Service delivery model
- Dosing
- Review of case and decision-making process, for improvement

Schedule – Day 3 5:40 pm - 9:00 pm EST (US)

- 5:40-6:00 **Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens**
- 6:00-9:00 Problem Based Learning: Case 2 – Developmental Diagnoses (i.e., Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy)
- ④ Case study summary – Instructor provided case. In addition, participants are invited to share their cases related to developmental diagnoses
 - ④ Applying the frameworks – Breakouts
 - Group work: Treatment strategies
 - Determining intervention strategies based on assessment results and evidence
 - Embedding services (i.e., pushing into the classroom)
 - Documenting progress
 - Use of supplementary aides and services
 - Group work: Re-evaluations and Transitions
 - Documenting progress
 - Aging out and the transition process - what is our role?
 - Review of case and decision-making process, feedback for improvement

Schedule – Day 4 5:40 pm - 9:00 pm EST (US)

- 5:40-6:00 **Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens**
- 6:00-9:00 Problem Based Learning: Case 3 – Degenerative Diseases (i.e., Muscular Dystrophy, Spinal Muscular Atrophy)
- ④ Case study Summary – Instructor provided case. In addition, participants are invited to share their cases related to degenerative diseases
 - ④ Applying the frameworks – Breakouts
 - Group work: From start to finish - Pulling it all together
 - Evaluation considerations
 - Intervention strategies
 - Service delivery models
 - Dosing
 - Making decisions about ESY and End of year planning
 - Review case and decision-making process, feedback for improvement

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