

# Utilizing NDT in Pediatric Practice

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## Faculty

Colleen Carey is the owner and director of the Children's Therapy Center, a pediatric outpatient center located in Fort Washington, PA.

A dynamic speaker, she teaches frequently in seminars to professionals on the topics of early intervention, therapeutic handling, orthotics, and functional goal outcomes. Colleen has extensive experience with a variety of developmental disorders and coordination disorders

including cerebral palsy and autism. She has broad experience in indications for physical therapy within the educational environment and the role of adaptive physical education. Colleen actively mentors other therapists to share her knowledge and insights and has been a clinical instructor for 25 years. Colleen is an accomplished Coordinator Instructor with NDTA. She studied at Quinnipiac College, New York University, and Temple University with a focus on developmental disabilities. She is enthusiastically pursuing ongoing professional training to improve the care of her clients. She received her Basic NDT (Neuro-Developmental Treatment) certification in 1987 and her Baby NDT certification in 1995. Colleen has worked in community early intervention programs, preschool settings, educational settings, rehabilitation hospitals, and outpatient centers. She supports families across cultural and ethnic barrier and passionately advocates for children and families. She remains focused on functional outcomes in all environments.

## About This Live Webinar

Begin your journey into the world of NDT or expand your current knowledge with this course that will enhance your knowledge of the benefits of using the Contemporary NDT Practice Model to treat the child with neurologic impairments and other pediatric disorders. We will discuss the importance of the practice of movement with a task and the importance of integrating strategies into daily activities using fun and practical ideas. Facilitation strategies for improved movement control and assessment of the primary impairments necessary to address in treatment will be presented utilizing didactic, video and lab format. A jointed rag doll is required for portions of the course to enable practice of handling strategies. This course is designed for the physical therapist, physical therapy assistant, occupational therapist, and occupational therapist assistant. The course is attractive to clinicians who seek a better understanding of the Contemporary NDT Practice Model and the use of handling and facilitation to enhance function. Course content will focus on basic concepts of theory, assessment and treatment of the child with cerebral palsy and other disorders of the neuromotor system.

## Learning Objectives

- Identify 5 aspects of the core principles of Neuro-developmental treatment (NDT) including patient generated goals, analysis of movement within the content of function and therapeutic handling to enhance function
- Analyze typical and atypical development and how the components of development relate to participation in daily skills and occupational engagement across environments
- Relate the ICF model to examination and evaluation within the Contemporary NDT Practice Model as a framework to increase participation outcomes
- Apply unique treatment strategies for trunk, upper extremity or lower extremity for the child with neuromuscular impairments to facilitate improved participation with daily activities of mobility, self-care, or academic tasks

## Course Requirements

Portions of the live seminar will include participant movement on the floor. Please consider computer and space set up to support learning. A jointed rag doll is required for portions of the course to enable practice of handling strategies.

## Schedule – Day 1 10:40 am – 4:30 pm EST (US)

10:40-11:00 am	Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens
11:00-11:30 am	NDT Practice Model (Principles of NDT)
11:30-12:00 pm	Principles of Facilitation
12:00-1:00 pm	Typical/Atypical Development
1:00 – 1:15 pm	Break
1:15 -1:45 pm	LAB: Typical/Atypical Development
1:45-2:45 pm	Analysis of Movement, Influence of Touch, Key Points of Control, Alignment, Base of Support, Weight Shift
2:45-3:00 pm	Break
3:00-4:00 pm	Video Treatment Demonstration
4:00-4:30 pm	Treatment Strategies to Build Function (with dolls)-linked to treatment demo

*NOTE: no formal lunch break*

## Audience

This course is designed for PTs, PTAs, OTs, and OTAs and is attractive to clinicians who seek a better understanding of the NDT Practice Model and the use of handling and facilitation to enhance function. Course content will focus on concepts of theory, assessment, and treatment of the child with cerebral palsy and disorders of the neuromotor system.

## Schedule – Day 2 10:40 am – 4:30 pm EST (US)

10:40-11:00 am	Webinar Registration/Zoom Course Opens
11:00-12:00 pm	Using the ICF Model as a Construct for NDT Assessment
12:00-12:45 pm	Goal Writing – How to Make Goals Achievable and Carry Over Practice to Reach the Participation Goals
12:45-1:00 pm	Break
1:00-2:30 pm	Video Case Presentation of the Child with Neurologic Impairment and Problem Solving
2:30-2:45 pm	Break
2:45-3:30 pm	Case Treatment Presentation
3:30-4:30 pm	Group Problem Solving: “I have a child...”

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## Webinar Dates and Times

July 24 and 31, 2026

10:40 am EST • 9:40 am CST • 8:40 am MST • 7:40 am PST (US)

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