

DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF SPEECH SOUND DISORDERS

2.0 HOURS



COURSE ABSTRACT

The differential diagnosis of speech sound disorders is key to ensuring appropriate interventions are chosen. This presentation will address how to differentially diagnose speech sound disorders with a thorough evaluation, including how to dynamically administer articulation assessments, conduct an oral-facial exam, interpret case history, intelligibility measurement, obtain sound inventories, phonological analysis, as well as determining when an assessment of phonological awareness skills and/or the administration of a dynamic motor speech evaluation is warranted.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Participants will identify key components of a thorough SSD assessment
- Participants will describe how differential SSD diagnosis can inform therapy approach
- Participants will discuss reasons to refer to other specialists given various evaluation results

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