

# SOPAN

**Society of Parents of Children with Autistic Disorders**

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**PRESENTS**  
**SHORT- TERM CERTIFICATE COURSE**  
**ON**  
**AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS**



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Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) is a group of complex neuro-developmental disorders affecting communication, socialization, thought and behaviour, and includes individuals with wide range of functional abilities. The symptoms may vary from being very severe to being very mild.

The number of persons receiving a diagnosis of ASD is increasing rapidly. Clearly, ASD could be the most prevalent of all developmental disabilities in India.

It is essential that training and rehabilitation needs of children with ASD be met suitably. Since many experienced professionals and parents of children with autism find it is difficult to attend a full time course on ASD, SOPAN conducts a short term certificate course in ASD for this purpose. The course content has approval from RCI. The course is held at Samarpan Centre for Autism Spectrum Disorders, managed by SOPAN.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The Course is designed to enable the participant to

1. Develop an understanding of nature, needs, characteristics and etiology of ASD.
2. Understand the principles and stages of human growth and development.
3. Be familiar with the process of screening and diagnosis of ASD.
4. Plan and implement educational programs selecting teaching methods suitable for children with ASD.
5. Understand the needs of family and promote integration of person with ASD within community.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Trained general and special education teachers, therapists, psychologists, rehabilitation professionals and parents/ family members (who have successfully completed 10+2 or Higher Secondary Examination or equivalent) are eligible to attend the Course.

## **DURATION AND COMMENCEMENT**

The Course will be part- time and of 10 weeks duration. The lectures will be held on predetermined days of the week. The Course will start from August 2010.

## **COURSE CONTENT**

The Course content will consist of the following

### **Theory**

Paper 1: Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders

Paper 2: Human Growth & Development

Paper 3: Assessment, Intervention & Teaching Strategies for ASD

Paper 4: Family & Community Needs

### **Practicum**

1. Practice of teaching
2. Educational assessment & program planning
3. Case study
4. Adaptation of curriculum
5. Development of teaching learning material

## **EVALUATION**

### **Theory**

Evaluation will be done through tests/ assignments/ seminar presentations on selected topics.

### **Practicum**

Lessons, case study work and developed teaching material will be evaluated.

## **CERTIFICATION**

A minimum of 40% marks in theory and 50% in practicum is essential. A participant who fulfills the above requirement will be deemed to have successfully completed the Short- Term Certificate Course in Autism Spectrum Disorders.

## **FEES**

The Course fees will be Rs. 6,000/- per head. It will include basic material and lecture notes as available. The fee should be paid along with submission of Course Registration Form. Payment may be by cash or demand draft in favour of SOPAN. Discount on fees available for SOPAN members.

## **Medium of Instruction**

English

## **Attendance**

80% attendance is compulsory.