

## Description

This in-depth six week online course will help you gain a deep and thorough foundation for understanding social competence. It is designed to help you examine key influences on social development such as family, culture, classroom and friendships. You will learn strategies for social interaction interventions specific to different populations including children with disabilities and delays and children living in poverty. You will also learn to understand the effects of autism, behavioral disorders, communication and language disorders and severe disabilities on peer interactions and relationships.

## Prerequisites

- None

## Who Should Take This Course?

This course is designed for all education staff. It is beneficial to Head Start teachers, teachers aides, parents, volunteers and education managers. This course will benefit all staff members who must deal with Head Start children in a classroom setting.

## Objectives

- ✓ Gain a deep and thorough foundation for understanding social competence
- ✓ Learn how to examine key influences on social development
- ✓ Learn how to pinpoint strategies for social interaction interventions specific to different populations
- ✓ Learn to understand the effects of autism, behavioral disorders, communication and language disorders and severe disabilities on peer interactions and relationships

## Outline

### Understanding Nature and Development of Peer-related social competence

Family Roles	Cultural Influences
Friendships	Classroom Influences
Competence	Critical Nature of Peer-related social
Conceptualization, Assessment and Influences	

### Strategies and Tactics for Assessment and Interventions

Peer Interaction Interventions	Promoting Social Competence
Competence	Social Competence Interventions
Family Based Interventions	Future Directions