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INTRODUCTION TO Disability Needs Assessments

Length of course: 6 weeks

Workload: 3-4 hours per week

Cost: FREE

Institution: Commonwealth of Learning, Global
Rainbow Foundation and Diversity and Ability UK

Subject: Introduction to Disability Needs
Assessments

Prerequisites: Relevant training or experience
working with disabled persons. Admission based
on successful application

Language: English

Course outline:

WEEK 1

Overview of the course and introduction to Needs
Assessment

WEEK 2

Introduction to rapport building, dynamics and
communicating in Needs Assessment

WEEK 3

Talking about barriers and disability in the Needs
Assessment

WEEK 4

Making recommendations and incorporating
Assistive Technology into Needs Assessments

WEEK 5

Case Study: Needs Assessment

WEEK 6

Reflective thinking, legacy building and future
aspirations

What is this course about?

In this 6-week course, you will learn how to conduct meaningful disability needs assessments. It will equip you with the skills to support disabled people to use enabling technologies to aid their learning or working. The course will give an understanding of your country's journey so far to Disability inclusion and equality and encourage you to explore your role in reinforcing this.

Why should you do this course?

Whether you are a Special Education teacher, a disability practitioner or a future disability needs assessor, you'll benefit from this course. Over 6 weeks, you'll learn how to confidently conduct disability needs assessments to support learners. Through an interactive virtual learning environment, you will participate in forums and live webinars and benefit from regular interaction and feedback from your expert facilitators. What's more, it only requires 3-4 hours commitment each week for 6 weeks, and you'll be rewarded with a Certificate upon completion for your achievement.

What will you learn?

Upon completion, you will be able to:

1. Design practical needs assessments
2. Conduct a meaningful needs assessment tailored to disabled people
3. Improve the work of your organisation in support of PWD

Course inclusions

Once your application is approved, you will gain online access to all necessary course materials, documents and related readings. You will need access to an internet connection, an IT workstation and headphones.

Meet your facilitator

This free Moodle-based course is facilitated by experts from Diversity and Ability, UK. Atif Choudhury is an award-winning social entrepreneur, with a background in economic justice and disability inclusion projects. Atif was awarded the Assistive Technology Good Practice Award by ADSHE. Robin Hodges focuses on improving services for students; he is skilled in designing and conducting need assessments for learners with a range of disabilities

What will you gain?

Upon submission of your portfolio, you will receive recognition through an easily shareable certificate to highlight the knowledge and skills you've gained.

Don't miss out!

To get started, simply email us at

techlearncol@grftrust.org to indicate your interest. Be sure to include your country of residence, current employer and position in the organisation.

For more information on this and other courses, visit the Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth at: www.vussc.col.org