Understanding Children with Special Needs

Duration: 1 day / 8 hours (inclusive assessment)
Venue: Social Service Institute

Overview
The module engages the learner to explore and have a deeper understanding on five main types of special needs in children. Learner will learn to identify the causes and characteristics of these five main types of special needs and understand the role of professionals in supporting these children with special needs.

Learning Outcomes
By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

1) Describe the 5 main types of special needs in children; namely:
   a) Autism
   b) Cerebral Palsy
   c) Intellectual Disability
   d) Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder
   e) Learning Disabilities

2) Identify the causes and characteristics of the 5 types of special needs in children.

3) Explain the importance of early diagnosis and intervention by professionals.

4) Explain the role of professionals in supporting children with special needs.

Target Audience / Pre-requisites
This course is suitable for new staff, untrained teachers and other professionals who works with children with special needs/disabilities.

The skills and knowledge for this course, which the learner is assumed to possess, are as follows:

- Be able to listen and speak English at a proficiency level equivalent to the Employability Skills System Workplace Literacy (WPL) Level 6
- Be able to read and write English at a proficiency level equivalent to the Employability Skills System Workplace Literacy (WPL) Level 6
- Be able to use numeracy skills equivalent to the Employability Skills System Workplace Numeracy (WPN) Level 6

Assessment Requirements
Learners will be assessed by written questions in a summative assessment at the end of training.

Course Agenda
- Types, causes and characteristics of children with special needs
- Profiling children with special needs
- Issues and trends of early diagnosis and intervention
- Range of services in the sector in Singapore
- Various roles of professionals Frameworks for social and emotional learning
- Introduction to the creative process
**Course Fees**

Full fees: $535 inclusive of GST

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\(^\ast\)Funding is applicable to Singaporeans and Singapore PRs only.

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**Trainer's Profile**

**Ms Linda Prebhash** is a Principal Trainer & Consultant with Rainbow Centre Training and Consultancy (RCTC). She has been in the special education sector since 1988 and her experience in various capacities enables her to provide a holistic perspective in conferences at Singapore and the Asia-Pacific region. She is trained in the Treatment and Education of Autistic and other Related Communication handicapped Children (TEACCH). Ms Prebhash serves as a volunteer on the Board of Special Olympics (Singapore) and has been actively involved over the last 22 years. She believes that through sports, persons with special needs learn life skills beyond the achievement of athletic abilities.