

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING
LIVE OVER THE INTERNET
**CAREER SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS ON
ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM**

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Program Features

- ◆ 5 live, weekly sessions via the Internet (90 min. each)
- ◆ In-depth instruction on how to assist individuals to choose the right career and get hired
- ◆ Detailed case studies that illustrate various Asperger's/autism profiles
- ◆ Worksheets, resources, tools
- ◆ Final project consisting of a written case study review with personalized feedback

Content is for professionals who are assisting individuals seeking competitive (not sheltered or heavily supported) employment

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5-Week Program for Career, Disability, Workforce Development and Other Professionals at State Community Colleges

This comprehensive program is for professionals who wish to better assist students with Asperger's Syndrome and similar autism spectrum profiles to choose the right job/career and find employment.

Five weekly meetings of 90-minutes each take place live over the internet. They feature interactive exercises, case studies, and group discussions. Participants will learn the various Asperger's/autism profiles, how to evaluate skills, and discover techniques for guiding students to manageable employment. Written materials include techniques, tools and resources.

Agenda

- **Week 1: The impact of Asperger's/autism on adults in the workplace.** A detailed look at challenges related to interpersonal skills, executive function, restricted/repetitive interests and sensory processing/integration, as well as strengths that can be utilized in the workplace.
- **Week 2: Working with Individuals.** Techniques to establish rapport and address communication, executive function and sensory processing difficulties.
- **Week 3: Choosing the Right Job or Career.** A 4-step process for choosing the right occupation; assessments; dealing with unrealistic ideas; creating a workable job search plan.
- **Week 4: Getting Hired and Americans with Disabilities Act.** Preparing students for job interviews; teaching self-advocacy; how the ADA protects employees; deciding whether, when and how to disclose.
- **Week 5: Working with Employers.** Tips for explaining Asperger's/autism to employers; innovative employer models and how to adapt them to internships and jobs.
- **Final project** consisting of a case study review with personalized feedback.



Participant Feedback

(various training and seminars)

“Your approach is positive and builds on a person’s strengths.”
Career Counselor

“Very engaging – I loved the use of activities, case studies, and personal anecdotes.” *Career Counselor*

“I was impressed by the content and presentation of the information. Applicable for all of the consumers on our caseload.” *Non-Profit*

“Presenter is knowledgeable, professional, and engaging. She provided many concrete examples from her own experience, which makes factual information easier to apply and remember.” *Vocational Rehabilitation*

“An excellent seminar. I have a better understanding of the disability and left more confident about my role in assisting my clients obtain employment.” *Non-Profit*

“The content and presentation style were excellent!” *Vocational Rehabilitation*

“... informative, relevant, practical and encouraging. It offered a balance of theory and application. Actual client stories delivered a realistic perspective into the challenges of coaching [these individuals].” *Neurodiversity Consultant*

“I highly recommend this program to anyone who ... plans to work with individuals on the spectrum...” *Transition Teacher*

“Using case studies was helpful to see how to apply the concepts. The tools you shared were thorough yet easy to use.” *Non-Profit*

“I came away with many tools and strategies ... Barbara pulled heavily from her expertise in the field and provided real-life examples to bring concepts to life.” *Career Counselor*

Program Details

Career Success for Students on the Autism Spectrum is open to professionals at state community and technical colleges. The cost \$795 per person which includes all written materials. There is a six person minimum to schedule a training.

Each live session will be recorded and available for viewing for *two weeks* after the original session date.

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About Barbara Bissonnette



Barbara Bissonnette is a best-selling author and expert on Asperger’s Syndrome/autism and employment. Since 2006, she has coached over one thousand individuals on the autism spectrum. She is the author of the award-winning *Complete Guide to Getting a Job for People with Asperger’s Syndrome*; the *Asperger’s Syndrome Workplace Survival Guide*; and *Helping Adults with Asperger’s Syndrome Get & Stay Hired*.

In addition to working with individuals, Barbara offers consultation and training to professionals and employers.

She earned a graduate certificate in Executive Coaching from the Massachusetts School Professional Psychology (now William James) and is certified by Institute for Professional Excellence in Coaching.



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