

Ayres Sensory Integration Level 2,
Clinical reasoning in Sensory integration: Assessment March to July 2019

I am writing to express how grateful I am for receiving funding to complete Ayres Sensory Integration Level 2, Clinical reasoning in Sensory integration: Assessment. This is a 16-week online course. It sits within the modular programme run by the sensory integration network. I am now able to progress onto level 3 which would give me a PG certificate in Sensory integration and SI Practitioner status.

The course is examined through the submission of 2 case studies, an exam and a reflective piece. During the course I benefited from an online peer group and a mentor. The tasks each week build on each other and there was a substantial amount of recommended reading to complete the tasks set.

I am an Occupational Therapist in a primary mental health worker's role in a mainstream 6th form college. I am based in a busy additional support department where we support and provide interventions for students, around access to education, wellbeing and mental health issues.

I wanted to further my knowledge and clinical skills in assessing young people with sensory integration needs as in my role as an occupational therapist I was aware of the impact of sensory integration difficulties on the young people who I work with in their daily lives. The focus of these course was on assessment and clinical reasoning and I feel have gained clinical skills that I have been able to bring into my service to meet the needs of young people.

I am now able to offer a thorough assessment using standardised assessment tools. This means I can now offer a comprehensive sensory assessment using standardised assessment tools and observation. This will enable me to plan for interventions environmental adaptations, work on strategies for coping.

I am also using in-service teaching sessions to run some sessions for teaching staff and learning support mentors on sensory integration and strategies to support our students.

Once I feel I have consolidated the learning from this course I plan on moving forward to complete the level 3 module to complete the PG certificate in sensory integration.

I am hugely grateful to the foundations in PSA for the opportunity to complete this training. It will enable me to take a lead on service development in sensory integration and has given me direct clinical skills I can use in my assessments with young people.