

FPSA Report

I currently work as an Assistant Clinical Psychologist within an Autism Team. We have a long waiting list for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) assessments and so I am grateful to the Foundation for Professionals in Services to Adolescents for enabling me to complete this training. Having another member of ADOS trained staff completing assessments will hopefully reduce the length of the waiting list.

I attended the Introduction to Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule, Second Edition (ADOS-2) Course at Hogrefe House in Oxford. This was a two-day course held on the 17th-18th of September 2019, 09:00-17:00.

The aim of the training was to give an introduction to the ADOS-2 and how it is used in clinical and research settings. Marianna Murin (Clinical Psychologist) completed the training. She has a vast amount of experience in this area and presented the information very well. Following on from the training and after completing and passing the post-course work, we received Certification of Clinical Reliability.

The two days of training covered an introduction to the ADOS and Modules 1-4 of the ADOS. Training was given on the administration and coding of each module. We then had the opportunity to watch a video showing each module being administered and then score these assessments. After the training we had to complete a post-course assignment of watching and scoring an ADOS assessment. Really useful feedback was given after this. Since completing the training, I have had the opportunity to administer and code ADOS-2 assessments and I also feel more comfortable in my understanding of ASD.

I would recommend this training in particular as the speaker was very knowledgeable and also the numbers of delegates are limited to 15 people. The training was well-paced and covered all of the necessary information.