School-Age Stuttering: Assessment and Treatment
(3 CE HOURS)

PDH Academy Course #1809

Course Abstract
This Intermediate level course walks learners through the assessment and treatment process surrounding school-age stuttering, using the CALMS multifactorial model of stuttering as a template.

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Learning Objectives
By the end of this course, learners will be able to:

• Distinguish between common terminology related to stuttering
• Recognize influences of genetics, neurology, and environment on stuttering
• Recall the CALMS multifactorial model of stuttering, and its importance in assessing and treating childhood stuttering.
• Identify the five steps of an assessment for stuttering, with attention to tools that can be used and information that should be gathered during each
• Recall the concept of "therapeutic alliance" and its impact on speech therapy for stuttering
• Recognize differences between therapy with elementary-age students, and therapy with middle and high school students, with attention to the specific goals and learning opportunities provided in each

Timed Topic Outline
I. Definitions and Background Information (25 minutes)
II. Assessment (50 minutes)
III. Principles of Treatment (5 minutes)
IV. Therapy with Elementary-Age Students (55 minutes)
V. Differences in Therapy with Middle and High School Students (30 minutes)
VI. Handouts, References, and Exam (15 minutes)

Delivery Method
Correspondence/internet self-study with interactivity, including a provider-graded final exam. To earn continuing education credit for this course, you must achieve a passing score of 80% on the final exam.

Accessibility and/or Special Needs Concerns?
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