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## Helping Students with Autism Find Their Voice

**PDH Academy Course #2001  
3 CE HOURS**

### **Course Abstract**

This course presents evidence-based strategies that allow students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), as well as other students who are limited verbally, to become more effective communicators. It emphasizes "manding," or requesting, touching on the rationale behind teaching early learners to mand, the structure of manding sessions, data collection, and relevant case studies.

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Introductory Level

.3 ASHA CEUs

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### **Learning Objectives**

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

- Recall the evidence-based rationale behind Applied Behavior Analysis, and how it applies to the use of manding
- Distinguish between verbal operants
- Recognize the importance of rapport-building
- Recognize manding strategies, with attention to the different environments in which they may be used
- Identify information and strategies pertaining to data collection, evaluation, and goal-setting

### **Timed Topic Outline**

- I. Introduction (5 minutes)
- II. Evidence-based Practice and Applied Behavior Analysis (15 minutes)
- III. Verbal Behavior, Verbal Operants (5 minutes)
- IV. The Power of Manding (100 minutes)
  - Pairing, Manding 101, Manding in the Natural Environment, Structured Manding Sessions, Manding Throughout the Day
- V. Data Collection, Evaluation, and Goal-Setting (20 minutes)
- VI. Case Studies & Conclusion (15 minutes)
- VII. Handout, Additional Resources, References, and Exam (20 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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### **Course Author Bio and Disclosure**

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