

ADOS-2 Training

I currently work as an Assistant Psychologist within an Autism Team. We currently have an over 2+ years waiting list for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) assessments. I have recently received a grant from the Foundation of Professionals in Services to Adolescents which enabled me to attend the Introduction to Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule, Second Edition (ADOS-2). This was an online course led by Dr Marianna Murin (Clinical Psychologist) from Hogrefe House. This was a two-day course held via Zoom on the 5th and 6th July 2022.

The training gives an introduction to ADOS-2 and how it is used in clinical and research settings. Following from the training and after completing and passing the post-course work, we will receive Certification of Clinical Reliability. The training allows us to use this assessment tool in our clinical practice. It will be incredibly helpful in reducing waiting times for children and young people who are currently on our waiting list.

The two-day training covered introduction to ADOS and Modules 1-4 of the assessment tool. Together with a small group of clinicians I was taught how to administer and code each module. The leader of the training, Marianne was encouraging and used the space for a reflective discussion. We were able to view videos of ADOS assessment and were able to practice coding each module. We then came back and verified our coding with the group.

I am really grateful to the FPSA for providing me with the opportunity to complete this course, as it will help many young people and families undergoing assessment with us. It will also allow us to see more young people in a timely manner and reduce waiting list times.