

Augmentative and Alternative Communication Assessment Series

Facilitated by **Heather Miller, MS, CCC-SLP, UCP Seguin &**

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Begins January 15, 2021 (additional dates listed below)

ONLINE – Zoom Link will be sent after registration complete

Application accepted at: <http://bit.ly/MillerPostAACAssessmentSeries>

****Must attend all 7 webinars in their entirety to earn Continuing Education****

DESCRIPTION:

This assessment series is designed for **teams**. Teams are to be comprised of at least 1 SLP and other educational team members (teacher, OT, PT, para-educator, administrator, SW). If you have any questions on team member eligibility please contact Heather Miller hmiller@ucpnet.org for further information.

This presentation will discuss the augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) assessment process within the education environment. Participants will compare features of current mobile technology apps and dedicated speech generating devices and examine the benefits of matching the technology to the student rather than matching the student to the technology. The steps of an AAC assessment will be outlined & discussion will focus on evaluation models, tools, formats and recommendations. Participants will walk away with the knowledge necessary to make decisions that best support a student's communication needs within the classroom.

Virtual AAC Seminars

1. January 15th - AAC Overview (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM virtual)
2. January 29th - AAC Assessment (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM virtual)

Follow-up Webinar via Zoom

1. February 24th - Customizing for Trials (8:00-9:30)
2. March 17th – Data collection in Trials (8:00-9:30)
3. April 21st - Funding and report writing (8:00-9:30)

OUTCOMES - Participants will be able to:

- identify the components of a feature match assessment and list three tools to support this process.
- compare and contrast the features of a variety of apps and speech generating devices for communication.
- identify three strategies to promote AAC usage during and after the AAC trial.

PLEASE SUBMIT the TEAM APPLICATION NO LATER THAN December 1, 2020.

You will be notified of acceptance by December 15, 2020.

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Heather Miller Schwarz, MS, CCC-SLP is a Speech-Language Pathologist with 20 years of experience working with individuals with complex communication needs. She has had experiences in public school, private practice and non-profit settings and has participated as a member of the IEP and assistive technology teams. Currently, she is the Assistive Technology Lead for Collaborations and Trainings at UCP Seguin- Infinitec where she collaborates with IEP teams to provide augmentative and alternative communication support through student assessment and communication partner training and coaching. Heather has presented at numerous local conferences in Illinois in addition to Closing the Gap and the Illinois Speech Hearing and Language Association Conferences.



This course is offered for 1.25 ASHA CEUs
(Intermediate level, Professional area)



Kathleen A. Post MS, CCC-SLP is the Clinic Coordinator and an Associate Professor at MWU's Speech-Language Institute. She teaches courses in Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and supervises SLP graduate student clinicians at the Speech-Language Institute in all facets of speech and language service. Previously, Kathleen was the Director of Assistive Technology, Speech/Language and Nutrition Departments at a large pediatric outpatient rehabilitation center in Illinois. For over 30 years, Kathleen Post has served individuals and their families who struggle with communication disorders. Kathleen has presented at national conferences (Closing the Gap, the American Speech Language and Hearing Association (ASHA) and the Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA) conferences), as well as at local venues (Illinois Speech Hearing and Language Association Conference (ISHA) and multiple school district sites). She has provided a series of webinar trainings in AAC Assessment for UCP-Infinitec. Kathleen has written two blog postings for USSAAC addressing transitioning between speech generating devices. She has also recently been engaged in a research project with colleagues focusing on parent training in partner augmented input and AAC. Her areas of interest continue to include pediatric speech-language disorders, early intervention services, augmentative and alternative communication, and assistive technology for persons of all ages and disabilities.

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Non-Financial Disclosure: Heather Miller Schwarz is a member of ASHA and SIG 12.

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Registration fee: No Cost

This program qualifies for ISBE PD clock hours and CE for SLPs, OTs, PTs, SWs, Nurses through IDFPR and ASHA CEUs.

NOTE: *Infinitec charges a \$5.00 non-refundable processing fee for SLPs who use the ASHA CE Registry; this fee is in addition to the annual ASHA CE Registry fee and does not apply to those who independently track their credit hours. CEUs are only awarded to those persons who are valid members of the Registry.*

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Registration Questions? Email Maureen Joy mjoy@ucpnet.org