

ASD Teaching Strategies with Maggie Fay

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Learn practical, inclusive strategies to support and empower students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in both the classroom and at home.



About This Course

Creating inclusive learning environments where every child can thrive requires understanding, flexibility, and compassion. In this engaging and practical session, Maggie Fay, educator and advocate for students with autism and developmental disabilities, shares hands-on strategies that help teachers and families meet the unique needs of learners on the autism spectrum.

Participants will explore how to design and adapt classroom and home environments to enhance focus, comfort, and connection. With a focus on communication, sensory awareness, and behavioural supports, this course empowers educators and families to create spaces where students with autism can flourish.



Learning Objectives

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

Implement Flexible Seating:

Design adaptive seating arrangements that promote comfort, focus, and engagement.

Design Supportive Classrooms:

Structure learning environments that meet sensory and emotional needs.

Enhance Communication:

Use effective techniques to build trust, understanding, and connection with students on the spectrum.

Apply Positive Behavioural Supports:

Respond proactively to challenges using strategies that promote calm, safety, and growth.

Foster Inclusion:

Develop practices that celebrate neurodiversity and create a sense of belonging for all students.





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Why This Matters for Educators and Families

Inclusive education extends beyond the classroom, it's about cultivating understanding, respect, and connection at every level. This course helps participants:

- **Support Learning at Home and School** – Apply proven strategies to encourage focus, confidence, and success across settings.
- **Strengthen Communication** – Learn to connect more effectively and empathetically with children on the spectrum.
- **Create Sensory-Friendly Environments** – Build calm and responsive spaces that nurture well-being and learning.
- **Promote Acceptance** – Empower peers, families, and communities to embrace neurodiversity through positive action and understanding.

About the Presenter

Maggie Fay is a passionate public school educator and autism specialist based in Milton, Ontario, Canada. With degrees in Education and Disability Studies from Ryerson University, she has dedicated her career to promoting inclusion and removing attitudinal barriers in schools.

Maggie's work extends beyond the classroom, she is the author of *Hallway Connections*, a book that explores empathy, communication, and understanding among students with autism. Her mission is simple but profound: to empower educators, families, and communities to create environments where every student feels valued, understood, and supported.

Perfect For

- Teachers and support staff working with students on the autism spectrum.
- Parents and caregivers seeking to enhance home-based learning and communication.
- School leaders aiming to foster inclusive classroom environments.
- Anyone committed to promoting understanding and inclusion for neurodiverse learners.

