
Dragons of the Spectrum (DOTS) & DOTS+ Facilitator Training Program

Location: Online – Delivered via. Zoom

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What is the DOTS Facilitator Training Program?

The Facilitator Training Program is the official certification program for professionals who wish to deliver Dragons of the Spectrum (DOTS) and DOTS+—two evidence-informed, play-based social skills programs designed for neurodivergent children and teens. This interactive two-day training program, conducted online, will provide you with everything you need to know to run both programs confidently and independently in your own school or practice.

DOTS and DOTS+ are structured 10-session group programs that use simplified tabletop role-playing games to teach core social-emotional skills through collaborative storytelling and fantasy adventures. While DOTS focuses on learning core social skills through guided group play, DOTS+ challenges participants to co-create and lead their own adventures, expanding their skills in leadership, collaboration, and flexible thinking. Trained facilitators will then be able to guide graduates of the DOTS+ program in “open” DOTS groups, where they can journey on or lead their own DOTS adventures in one-off campaigns or sessions.



Whether you're a psychologist, occupational therapist, speech pathologist, counsellor, social worker, teacher or educator, this training will help you build social confidence and community among neurodivergent young people.

What Will You Learn?

- How to run DOTS and DOTS+ from start to finish
- How to use tabletop role-playing games to support social development
- How to guide emotional regulation, peer collaboration, and skill generalisation
- How to run interactive adventures—even with no gaming background
- How to support a range of neurodivergent communication and learning styles
- How to build a positive, safe group culture that celebrates diversity and fun

What Makes This Training Unique?

- They receive step-by-step guidance for every session, activity, and adventure
- The training requires no prior tabletop role-playing game experience
- The training is designed specifically for professionals working with neurodivergent participants (Autism, ADHD, PDA, etc.)
- Attendees receive access to comprehensive materials: the Facilitator's Manual, facilitator-only copies of the DOTS Adventurer's Guide and DOTS+ Game Master's Guide, Session Plans, Skill Activities, Character Cards, and role-playing resources
- Includes strategies for generalisation, positive behaviour support, and neuro-affirming practice
- The ability to run ongoing "Open Adventures" after the DOTS/DOTS+ programs have concluded

Training Overview

Location & Duration: Full 2-day training program delivered online via Zoom.

Eligibility: Psychologists, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, counsellors, allied health professionals, teachers, educators, social workers, and support staff

Certification: Upon completion, participants are certified to independently run DOTS, DOTS+, and DOTS Open Adventures

Resources: All resources and materials required to participate in this training program are delivered to attendees via mail prior to commencement of the training program

Professional Development: This facilitator training contributes to your Continuing Professional Development (CPD). Participants receive a certificate of completion detailing their participation in this course, totalling 13.5 CPD hours.

Facilitator Training Program Fees

The Facilitator Training Program includes:

Two-Day Facilitator Training Program	\$1,300.00 (inc. GST)
DOTS & DOTS+ Facilitator Resource Pack <i>Includes manuals, session guides, skill cards, game assets, and copies of the participant training materials</i>	\$320.00 (inc. GST)
Total	\$1,620.00 (inc GST)

This training may be tax-deductible for professionals working with children and adolescents.

Please note that the DOTS Adventurer's Guide and the DOTS+ Game Master's Guide are provided to all group members through the Participant Program Pack, which includes all necessary resources for group members to complete the program.

To express your interest, please visit: www.socialplayacademy.com/facilitator-training-program
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