

Certification in Pivotal Response Treatment **Level II: Introductory Implementer**

We are excited to announce that certification in PRT is now available. Our goal is to provide families and professionals with a mechanism for receiving training in PRT and reaching fidelity of implementation in each procedural area. Upon reaching fidelity of implementation, individuals will then be able to implement PRT at the level they have been certified in their own communities.

Currently, there are 6 certification levels. Levels need to be completed sequentially. As a means of ensuring quality assurance, records for each certification level will be maintained. This way, communities (e.g., families, schools) can always confirm an individual's certification level with our center.

Below you will find specific instructions for Level II Certification in Pivotal Response Treatment. Please read over these all of the instructions carefully before completing any steps. Feel free to contact our clinic coordinator at autism@education.ucsb.edu if you have any questions.

Level II: Introductory Implementer

Objectives

- To establish participants ability to implement introductory PRT motivational procedures for teaching communication with fidelity
- To be certified at this level, participants must meet criteria for fidelity of implementation with 1 child with ASD across 3 different activities
 - Participants wishing to complete Level II Certification must have completed Level I Certification.

Fee

- Participants pay a \$400.00 fee for access to a secure website with video training module, reading materials, fidelity assessment, and written feedback on up to 3 video tapes

Instructions

- **Registration:** Participants who are interested in becoming certified at this level need to download the corresponding registration form from www.education.ucsb.edu/autism
 - Once the registration form is complete, participants should email it with directly to the clinic coordinator at autism@education.ucsb.edu or mail it to:
Koegel Autism Center: Certification Program
Graduate School of Education
University of California
Santa Barbara, CA 93106-9490
 - If paying online, please remember to include your Transaction ID number on the registration form
 - If mailing registration, please include your payment and registration form in the same envelope.
 - The Koegel Autism Center will verify your completion of Level I Certification prior to starting the process of Level II Certification.
- **Payment:**
 - **Mail In:** Participants should mail their payment of \$400.00 and Registration Form along with the baseline videotape of themselves trying to implement introductory PRT procedures with 1 child to the above address
 - Checks should be written payable to: Koegel Autism Consultants
 - Payment and registration form should be mailed together, in the same envelope.
 - **Online:** visit the website (www.education.ucsb.edu/autism) and make a secure payment with credit card via PayPal
 - After completing payment, make sure to include your Transaction ID number on your Registration Form
 - Within two weeks of receipt of Registration Form *and* payment, you will receive email confirmation of your registration for Level II Certification Process.
- **The Baseline Videotape** should:
 - be approximately 15 *consecutive* minutes of the participant implementing the motivational procedures of PRT with 1 child with ASD

- demonstrate the participants ability to use PRT to evoke expressive communication during interactions with the child with ASD
- not be paused but run continuously
- In the baseline videotape, participants can:
 - do a variety of activities
 - videotape for longer durations if necessary (e.g., child leaves area and participant can't take video camera with them)
- **The Training Module:**
 - Participants should receive confirmation of receipt of the baseline videotape within 2 weeks.
 - Once payment and the baseline videotape have been confirmed, participants will receive a password to use when logging into the secure website
 - Once participants have received the password, they can view the training module on-line
 - Participants have 2 weeks to view the training module on-line before their password expires
 - Participants should contact the clinic coordinator if their password expires before they are able to view the entire training module
- **Fidelity Probe:** After viewing the training module, participants should videotape themselves implementing PRT with 1 child across 3 *different* activities
 - Each activity should be approximately 10 consecutive minutes
 - The entire videotape should be approximately 30 minutes (10 minutes for each probe)
 - Probes can be longer than 10 minutes if child leaves the area. The video camera cannot follow the child.
 - A lesson plan of what the participants were teaching the child should also be included (e.g., what words, word combinations was the child being taught)
 - Please do not try to videotape and act as implementer. Stabilize the camera or have another person videotape.
 - Participants should mail this fidelity videotape to the address located above
- **Certification Completion:**
 - Once this videotape is received, the participant's fidelity of implementation is assessed. If criteria for fidelity are met, then the participant is certified at this level.
 - If fidelity is not met, participants receive written feedback and have 2 additional opportunities to pay a \$75 fee and send in videotapes demonstrating acquisition of skills.
 - If fidelity is not met after written feedback phase, participants may pay additional \$100 fee for further training at this phase
 - Once participants have met fidelity of implementation, they will receive a certificate of completion for this level via mail.

This level is currently available.