

Build Your Confidence in Disability Management Online Course Outline

Information

Purpose

This course is designed to upskill physiotherapists to increase their confidence in working with people with a disability. There may be a range of content that is relevant to the wider allied health workforce.

Assumed prior knowledge

General physiotherapy experience, currently working, or planning to work clinically in the physiotherapy profession; or similar for other allied health professionals.

Duration: approximately 5 – 6 hours

Intended learning outcomes

At the end of this course, participants should be able to:

- Outline the specific considerations in the assessment, treatment and management of patients with a disability
- Identify any 'red flags' or serious concerns that require referral to a general practitioner or other health professional
- Outline the process for treating and billing NDIS participants
- Identify relevant disability services in your local area
- Identify opportunities to expand your physiotherapy practice to provide services to people with a disability

Course structure and learning model

There are a total of six self-paced modules which can be completed anywhere, any time with an internet connection. The course contains a mix of introductory recorded lectures, case study videos, interactive eLearning, knowledge checks and resources.

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Outline

1. Introduction to the NDIS

Intended learning outcomes

- Outline the background, purpose and structure of the NDIS
- Describe the UN Convention for Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)
- Identify potential safeguarding issues for persons with disabilities and describe subsequent duty of care reporting obligations as a physiotherapist
- Summarise the various streams of funding for NDIS participants
- Describe the role of the NDIS planners / delegates, LAC and planners for plan-managed participants

2. Access and inclusion for people with a disability

Intended learning outcomes

- Outline the various access and inclusion considerations with providing services to people with a disability
- Describe the broad spectrum of disabilities and the different access implications for each
- Identify measures that can be taken to improve accessibility for people with a disability
- Describe the role of physiotherapy in supporting access and inclusion for people with disabilities, under the NDIS legislation

3. Assessment for people with a disability

Intended learning outcomes

- Identify the special considerations given when planning/undertaking clinical assessment for a person with a disability
- Recognise clinical red flags during assessment and need for onward referral
- Identify three outcome measures relevant for use with persons with a disability
- List clinical, client and safety risks before, during and after assessment/intervention sessions

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4. Intervention & management for people with a disability

Intended learning outcomes

- Interpret assessment findings to develop a prioritised treatment plan aligned to client's goals
- Summarise the difference between issues requiring treatment, and those requiring ongoing monitoring using one example
- Identify when a physiotherapist would be required to modify a treatment session and explain why
- Explain the use of assistive technology as a therapeutic tool, or adjunct to treatment
- Describe goal setting objectives including relevance to intervention planning and delivery
- Describe the key principles of contextual therapy in designing intervention plans for people with disabilities

5. Telehealth for people with disabilities

Intended learning outcomes

- Apply the APA telehealth guidelines when working with people with disabilities
- Understand the risks involved in telehealth with people with disabilities and how to manage these
- Determine when physiotherapy via telehealth is and is not appropriate for people with disabilities
- Identify the various enablers and barriers for use of telehealth in the disability sector and the tools to minimise barriers

6. Referral, funding & business development

Intended learning outcomes

- Identify existing services and key stakeholders in the NDIS and disability sector
- Explain how to charge and claim payment for NDIS participants
- Summarise considerations, possible risks and potential gains
- Discuss clinical/staff issues including funding concerns when expanding your business into the disability sector include issues with billable and non-billable concerns
- NDIS Safeguarding Commission