



Statement of participation

Ruth Tarr

has passed the free course including all mandatory tests for:

Understanding autism

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Please go to the course on OpenLearn for full details:

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/science-maths-technology/understanding-autism/content-section-overview>

COURSE CODE: AUT_1



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Course summary

This free 24 hour course, Understanding autism, introduces the autism spectrum, how it is experienced by individuals and families, and why it has become a global concern. The course explains how understanding of the autism spectrum and approaches to diagnosis and care have evolved. Key scientific approaches to studying autism are explained and illustrated, alongside substantial use of different personal perspectives. It uses text, images and audio-visual media.

Learning outcomes

By completing this course, the learner should be able to:

- outline what is meant by autism, why it is considered a spectrum and how it affects different individuals and families
- appreciate different approaches to understanding autism, including theoretical and clinical perspectives and personal accounts
- outline key features of psychological, neurobiological and genetic explanations of autism
- explain key aspects of diagnosis, intervention, education and life-span development
- understand topical issues including neurodiversity perspectives, autism prevalence in women and autism in global context.

Completed study

The learner has completed the following:

Week 1

Introducing the autism spectrum

Week 2

What is autism like?

Week 3

Identifying and diagnosing autism

Week 4

Explaining autism: mind and brain

Compulsory badge quiz (score 94%)

Week 5

Addressing challenges: approaches to intervention

Week 6

Family life and education

Week 7

Adulthood

Week 8

Reflecting back, looking forward

Compulsory badge quiz (score 93%)