



UWA Plus Micro-credentials

Critical Information Summary

Title and brief description	PSYCM515 Initiating a referral for autism diagnostic assessment. Students who undertake this micro-credential will improve their understanding of the importance of a prompt referral for autism assessments, and of the key professional groups who can initiate such referrals. Students will also be able to consider and select relevant screening tools, and to identify key pieces of clinical information and observations to be included in referrals for autism assessment.
Certified learning	(1) identify the key professional groups who can initiate a referral for autism assessments as described in the National Guideline for the Assessment and Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders in Australia (the Guideline); (2) demonstrate understanding of the importance of a prompt referral to ensure timely diagnosis and access to relevant supports and services; (3) identify the relevant clinical information and observations to be included in a referral for an autism assessment, as outlined in the Guideline; and (4) identify and select screening tools that can be used at different ages and developmental stages to identify features of autism prior to formal diagnostic assessment.
How learner participated	Online only
Effort required (indicative)	25
Main assessment task	Testing recall of facts, Application of a skill to a routine problem
Indicative equivalent level	Postgraduate
Industry recognition	This micro-credential is being offered as part of a broader project focused on the implementation of the National Guideline for the Assessment and Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder in Australia (the Guideline), led by the Autism CRC. The whole suite of training has been developed in collaboration with a reference group consisting of representatives from a range of professional bodies including, but not limited to: The Australian Psychological Society, Speech Pathology Australia, Occupational Therapy Australia, the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of General Practice, the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatry etc. The expert reference group also includes representatives from autistic advocacy groups.
Quality assurance	The quality of UWA Plus micro-credentials is assured through The University of Western Australia's standards and academic integrity processes.
Successful learner earns PD Points for conversion to:	1
. Admission to an award course	No
. Credit towards an award course	Yes
. If yes, how much credit?	Stackable with additional micro-credentials. Students may apply for the Graduate Certificate in Autism Diagnosis (70230) after successfully completing the micro-credentials and associated assessments. Credit is less than one unit