



UWA Plus Micro-credentials

Critical Information Summary

Title and brief description	PSYCM516 Differential diagnosis: distinguishing autism from other neurodevelopmental and mental health conditions. This micro-credential explores differential diagnoses relevant to diagnostic assessments for autism across the lifespan. Students will learn to identify and describe features of autism that may overlap with other neurodevelopmental and mental health conditions. They will also develop knowledge and skills to identify and explain some of the ways in which autism may be distinguished from other conditions.
Certified learning	(1) identify key differential diagnoses to be considered in diagnostic assessments for autism across the lifespan; (2) identify and describe features of autism that may overlap with other neurodevelopmental and/or mental health conditions; and (3) demonstrate knowledge of, and explain some of the ways in which, professionals might distinguish autism from other neurodevelopmental and mental health conditions.
How learner participated	Online only
Effort required (indicative)	50
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:	2
. 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