



UWA Plus Micro-credentials

Critical Information Summary

Title and brief description	PSYCM511 Principles of Best Practice in Autism Assessment and Diagnosis. This unit will provide students with knowledge of best practice approaches to diagnostic assessment for autism. At the end of the unit, students will be able to identify the key professionals involved in autism assessments and their roles; describe important considerations to be accounted for in autism assessments; and understand the importance of communication style when sharing diagnostic assessment findings.
Certified learning	(1) identify and describe the Guiding Principles that inform the recommendations contained in the National Guideline for the Assessment and Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders in Australia (the Guideline); (2) recognise international best-practice principles in diagnostic assessment for autism; (3) identify the key professionals involved in diagnostic assessments for autism, and the aspects of the evaluation that each professional is eligible to conduct; (4) describe and explain the important considerations that should be accounted for during a diagnostic assessment for autism; and (5) demonstrate understanding of the importance of the content and style of communication when sharing autism assessment findings, including report writing.
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