



UWA Plus Micro-credentials

Critical Information Summary

Title and brief description	PSYCM510 Autism: Contemporary diagnostic frameworks. This unit will provide students with knowledge of key diagnostic concepts and their application to autism assessment; contemporary autism diagnostic frameworks and criteria; and changes in autism assessment approaches over time. At the end of the unit, students will be able to associate key indicators of autism with each respective criterion and apply the diagnostic criteria for autism to case examples.
Certified learning	(1) outline the diagnostic criteria for autism as described in current diagnostic manuals; (2) identify key behavioural features of autism that are relevant to each of the DSM-5-TR autism domains and diagnostic criteria; (3) identify the defining features of each of the severity/ support levels that are applied to a DSM-5-TR autism diagnosis; (4) apply knowledge of the diagnostic criteria for autism, including the specifiers and support levels, to brief case examples; and (5) explain key changes in autism diagnostic approaches over time and compare historical and contemporary conceptualisations of autism.
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 microcredential 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