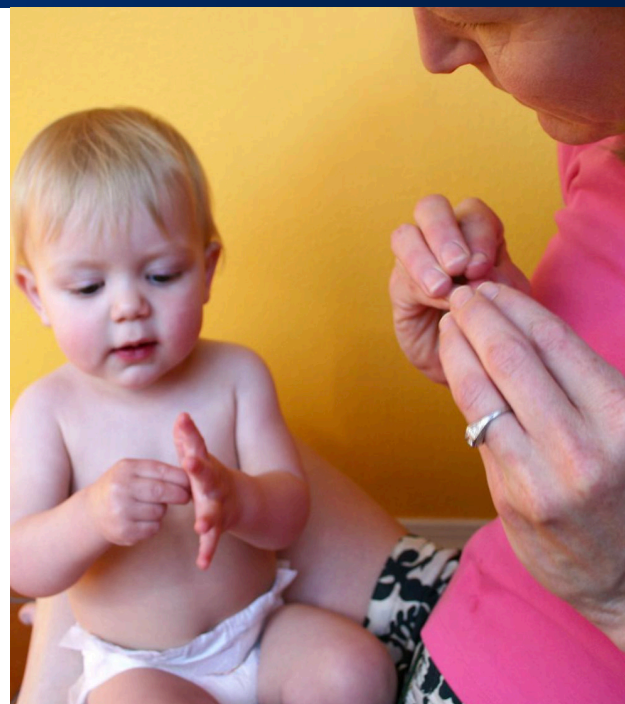


SIGN LANGUAGE MADE SIMPLE AND FUNCTIONAL

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30 AND
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1,
2017, 9A TO 3P

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This workshop will provide participants with an evidenced based introduction to simple sign language skills meant to improve communication in children of all ages and abilities. Course participants will learn more than 100 key words that can be incorporated into their child interactions to improve both expressive and receptive language skills. Improvements in communication and interaction, in turn, serve to enhance a child's ability to participate in meaningful activities. Skills learned in this course are appropriate for use in pediatric clinical practice, the school environment as well as in the home environment. Course format includes lecture, as well as small and large group activities.



INSTRUCTORS



Shannon Snyder, PT is a pediatric physical therapist in the Atlanta area with over 21 years of experience. She is a credentialed clinical instructor and has extensive experience teaching physical therapy students in the clinical environment. She has served as a guest instructor in the pediatric curriculum at Mercer University as well as Upstate Medical University. She has a special interest in sign language and communication for the special needs child, and frequently teaches signs and functional communication skills to clients and families.



Erin Wentz, PT, PhD, PCS is an Assistant Professor at Upstate Medical University in the department of Physical Therapy. She teaches the pediatric curriculum and participates in comprehensive team assessments at the Margaret L. Williams Developmental Evaluation Center. She has been a pediatric physical therapist for over 21 years and currently provides patient care in the Syracuse area. She will be assisting during the course.

This course is open to anyone desiring to improve their ability to communicate and interact with children, including but not limited to Physical Therapists and PT Assistants, Occupational Therapists and OT Assistants, Speech and Language Pathologists, Teachers and Parents. SUNY Upstate Medical University is a New York State Education Department Office of the Professions Approved Provider of Continuing Education for Physical Therapy and 10 contact hours of continuing education credit will be provided. All course participants will receive a certificate of completion.

Lunch is on your own. Please bring your lunch or if you prefer, there will be time to purchase lunch from area merchants.

Course fee: \$175

A discounted price is available for current Upstate Medical University employees (**\$150**) as well as for students at any institution (**\$100**).

Course will be held at Upstate Medical University, New Academic Building Room 3334. Parking is in front of Silverman Hall, University Place, off Irving Avenue. Registration: <https://www.upstatefoundation.org/PTEducation>

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Proceeds from this course go to support Global Service Learning student scholarships. Additional contributions to this effort are graciously accepted.

For more information and registration, contact Erin Wentz at wentze@upstate.edu