



Sensory-Friendly Arts Experiences

Course Syllabus

Course Description

This course explores how to create and understand sensory-friendly experiences in the visual and performing arts. Throughout the modules, sensory-friendly experiences are also explored from the context of those with sensory processing disorders, those on the autism spectrum, and neurotypical individuals, too. Videos, articles, and website resources are all included to explore this increasingly desired arts experience. As this course progresses, examples from both professional arts organizations and schools are showcased to provide as many insights as possible.

This course enhances classroom teaching effectiveness and supports improved student outcomes by introducing new knowledge in sensory-friendly experiences in the visual and performing arts.

Course Objectives

At the end of this course you should be able to:

1. Describe examples of sensory-friendly experiences/environments.
2. Identify examples of sensory-friendly experiences provided by professional arts organizations.
3. Identify examples of sensory-friendly experiences provided by schools.
4. Explore how IDEA and special education services impact sensory-friendly experiences.
5. Identify different types of assistive technology and resources for those with sensory processing disorders.
6. Learn about the role of music therapy and sensory-friendly arts experiences.
7. Identify the experiences of performers/artist/musicians when shifting performances to sensory-friendly.
8. Recognize the benefits of sensory-friendly experiences for both individuals and their families.

Modules

- Module 1: An Introduction to Sensory-Friendly Arts Experiences, Quiz 1
- Module 2: Sensory-Friendly Arts Experiences from Professional Arts Organizations, Quiz 2
- Module 3: Sensory-Friendly Arts Experiences In Schools, Quiz 3
- Module 4: The role of IDEA and Special Education in the Arts, Quiz 4
- Module 5: Assistive Technology, Devices, Materials, Resources, Quiz 5
- Module 6: The Relationship Between Arts Therapy and Sensory-Friendly Arts Experiences, Quiz 6



- Module 7: How Performers / Artists / Musicians are Affected by Sensory-Friendly Arts Experiences, Quiz 7
- Module 8: The Benefits/Experiences/Stories from Attending Sensory-Friendly Arts Experiences, Quiz 8

Grading

Each quiz must be passed at an 80% or higher (three attempts allowed).

Format

This is a self-paced, asynchronous (no required live meetings) course. Throughout the PD course, you will find it helpful to take notes along the way to assist with the quizzes. Within each module, you will find reflection assessments that are not graded but will help in your journey through the course. There is an interactive forum in the course to help you connect with peers and instructors, share ideas, and collaborate on best practices throughout your learning journey.