



Applying for an Assessment Practising Certificate: The New SASC Report Format

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Venue: Taverham High School (Hockey Pavilion), Beech Avenue, Taverham, Norwich, NR8 6HP

Registration from 8.45 a.m. Session 9.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Cost: £140 to include course materials, lunch and refreshments

Course Outline

This SASC approved specialist assessment CPD training course covers current best practice in report writing and preparation for those looking to gain or renew an Assessment Practising Certificate. It is intended for specialist teacher assessors with a Level 7 Postgraduate Diploma, or equivalent, in conducting diagnostic assessments wishing to explore the new SASC report formats for Pre and Post-16 age groups. This is particularly important following the recent guidance from the DfE that reports written by assessors holding an APC/HCPD registration at any stage have the potential to support Disabled Student's Allowance applications at any time in the future.

This 1-day course will cover:

- How to write reliable, accessible and useful diagnostic reports using the new SASC format; and to be able to confidently interpret and review sections of diagnostic reports from other professionals
- Statistical analysis: how to use statistics with confidence following new guidance
- The importance of qualitative and quantitative information in informing the diagnostic decision
- The criteria for gaining/renewing an Assessment Practising Certificate (APC)
- Recognition of the critical importance of continuing professional development and high professional standards for the specialist assessor.
- An opportunity to reflect upon the learning within this course (a mandatory part of SASC approved report writing courses)

There will be opportunities to ask questions and for discussion with other professionals.

Dyslexia Action Training is a SASC Authorised CPD Provider. This course is suitable for those seeking to gain or renew their Assessment Practising Certificate (APC) and participation in this course will gain 5 hours of recognised SASC core CPD.

Our trainers are experienced, qualified specialists in diagnostic assessment report writing and assessment testing for dyslexia/SpLD working to the SpLD Assessment Standards Committee (SASC) criteria.

Presenters

Anna Smith

Anna is the lead psychologist for Dyslexia Action (part of Real Group). She heads the APC review team and is responsible for ensuring that good practice underpins assessment of SpLDs. Anna is also part of the teaching team for the Certificate/Diploma in Literacy and Dyslexia and has helped to develop the course materials, particularly the statistical component of this course. She runs workshops on good practice as well as co-presenting this one day course. Anna represents Dyslexia Action at the SpLD Assessment Standards Committee (SASC). Anna also carries out private assessments of specific learning difficulties in young children, teenagers and adults.

Louise van der Valk

Louise is a full-time SENCo and has fulfilled this role in both the maintained and private sectors for over 17 years. At the same time, for a number of years, she was a tutor on Dyslexia Action's Certificate/Diploma in Literacy and Dyslexia. In more recent years she has helped to write, co-presented and tutored on Access Arrangement courses for Dyslexia Action and now for Real Training. Louise is a Specialist Teacher Assessor with an APC who regularly carries out full diagnostic private assessments. She is a member of Dyslexia Action's APC review team, co-presenting this one- day course.