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# Agenda

## Autism, Asperger's, NLD & Related Conditions: An Advanced Look at Current Trends

- 7:30**     **Registration, Sign-In, & Course Materials**
- 8:00**     **Course begins (a.m. & p.m. breaks determined by Dr. Ortiz.)**  
**Differential Diagnosis: High Functioning Autism vs. Asperger's Syndrome**
- Sensory Integration Dysfunction: A Blueprint for Chaos
  - Sensory Modulation Disorder     • Sensory-Based Motor Disorder
  - Sensory Discrimination Disorder
- Theories of Causation: Autism & Asperger's Syndrome**
- Theory of Mind ("Mindblindness")
  - Central Coherence: Local vs. Global Processing Styles
  - Executive & Right Hemisphere Dysfunctions
  - Mirror-neuron & Salience Landscape Theories
  - Magnocellular
  - Magnocellular vs. Parvocellular Visual Pathways & Facial/Emotion Recognition
  - Prosopagnosia     • Synesthesia
  - Brain Matters: Grey vs. White Matter Regions
  - The Major Lobes     • Diffusion Tensor Imaging (DTI)
  - Functional MRI (fMRI)
  - Underconnectivity     • Mitochondrial Dysfunction
  - Minicolumnar Morphometry
  - Empathizing (EQ)/Systemizing (SQ) Theories of Autism
  - The Extreme Male Brain Syndrome     • Empathy Styles
  - Alexithymia
- Nonverbal Learning Disorder: A Comprehensive Overview**
- NLD's Biomarkers
  - NLD's Three "Big D's": Dyspraxia, Discalculia, & Dysgraphia
  - Differential Diagnosis: NLD vs. Asperger's Syndrome
  - NLD's Two Primary Theorists:
  - Rourke's White Matter Syndrome Model (4 levels)
  - Palombo's Four Subtypes of NLD
- 11:45**     **Lunch (on your own)**
- 12:45**     **Differential Diagnosis: Alternative Notions of the PDD/Autism Spectrum**
- Psychodynamic Diagnostic Manual (PDM): The Clinician's Alternative
  - The Affect-diathesis Hypothesis
  - Neurodevelopmental Disorders of Relating & Communicating (NDRC)
  - The Educator's Diagnostic Manual of Disabilities (EDM)
  - Social Cue Disorder     • Gerstmann Syndrome
  - DC: 0-3 Diagnostic Classification System
  - Regulatory Disorders of Sensory Processing
  - Multisystem Developmental Disorder
  - Multiplex (Multiple Complex) Developmental Disorder
- Understanding the "No-Box" Syndrome**
- New, Updated or Upcoming Assessment Instruments
  - Assessment Response Samples from Persons with Asperger's Syndrome
  - DSM-V: Developing Notions
- (This program will be continually updated to reflect the most current recommendations coming from the DSM-V Neurodevelopmental Disorders Work Group of the American Psychiatric Association regarding Pervasive Developmental Disorders and related conditions relevant to this presentation.)*
- Girls vs. Boys: Sex Differences in Autism & Asperger's Syndrome**
- Eye-Tracking Convergence Samples: Stage-One Research Study**
- Neurotypical, Autism, Asperger's, NLD, ADHD, Hyperlexic, OCD, Tourette's/Tic Disorder Populations
- Case Studies: Designing Treatment Interventions**
- 3:30**     **Evaluations, Adjournment, & Certificates**

## Learner Objectives

At the conclusion of this program, you will have the knowledge required to:

- Explain how the theories of central coherence and theory of mind impact core characteristics of ASD.
- Discuss the impact of the three types of Sensory Integration Dysfunction on persons with NLD and ASDs.
- Identify three advantages that non-traditional diagnostic systems have over the DSM-IV-TR and ICD-10.
- Describe how the term "Multisystem Developmental Disorder" resolves some of the difficulties of differentiating persons with high functioning ASDs.

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## Presenter

**JOHN M. ORTIZ, PhD**, is the director and founder of The Asperger's Syndrome Institute and The Institute of Applied Psychomusicology®. A licensed psychologist, consultant, musician, composer, certified clinical hypnotist and psycho-educational trainer, he is listed in the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology. Dr. Ortiz's work with Asperger's Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorders and NLD takes an integral, strength-based approach emphasizing socio-cultural, neuro-biological, and developmental influences, as well as cognitive, behavioral and affective components.

His publications include the books: *Asperger, Autism and Non-Verbal Learning Disorder: Screening, Assessing and Diagnosing* (2008); *The Gifts of Asperger; My Kitty Catsberger*; the best-selling *The Tao of Music: Sound Psychology*; and *Nurturing Your Child with Music*; and audio CDs *The Soothing Pulse®*, *Turning Daydreams to Dreams*, and *It's Sleepy Time!* Dr. Ortiz is an active member of various professional organizations including the American Psychological Association and the American Music Therapy Association. Dr. Ortiz earned his PhD from Penn State University, MS from Nova University, and BS from Virginia Commonwealth University.

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