

Learning Difficulties Australia

Learning Difficulties Australia is an association of teachers and other professionals dedicated to assisting students with learning difficulties through effective teaching practices based on scientific research.



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Developmental Disorders that impact on learning: Understanding DCD and DLD

Course Outline:

Session 1:

- Introduction to Specific Learning Difficulties (Hema Desai)
- Not just clumsy – identifying and supporting children and young people with DCD in the classroom (Shana Boltin – Occupational Therapist)

Session 2:

- Developmental Language Disorder: Strategies for Inclusive Teaching (Dr Shaun Ziegenfusz)



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Specific Learning Disability

- A specific learning disability (specific learning disorder) is characterised by persistent difficulties learning a key academic skill.
- This academic underachievement is unexpected, and is not the result of a more general learning difficulty, such as intellectual disability.

Specific Learning Difficulties that have the potential to affect a student's school performance include:

- A specific learning disorder with impairment in reading, often referred to as **dyslexia**.
- A specific learning disorder with impairment in written expression.
- A specific learning disorder with impairment in mathematics often referred to as **dyscalculia**

Understanding Learning Difficulties: A practical guide for parents (AUSPELD)






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Specific Learning Disability

- Students with Specific Learning Difficulties benefit from exposure to high-quality, evidence-based programs and teaching strategies, including explicit instruction, retrieval practice and dual coding.
- They often require more time and more repetition than their peers to master new skills.

Effective Teaching Strategies

 <p>Explicit Instruction</p> <p>Clear goals, step-by-step teaching, guided practice and targeted feedback</p>	 <p>Dual Coding</p> <p>Combining language and visual representations of information</p>	 <p>Retrieval Practice</p> <p>Activities that prompt recall of information from memory</p>
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Find out more:

Find out more about specific learning difficulties by accessing LDA'S on-demand learning platform

- ✓ Identifying and supporting students with dyslexia
- ✓ A roadmap for language and literacy success
- ✓ Building Skilled Readers: Best Practice in Reading Instruction
- ✓ The Magic is in the instruction (Explicit Instruction)



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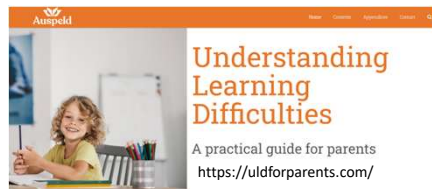
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Other developmental disorders that can impact on learning

In addition to specific learning disorders, there are also a number of other developmental disorders which can impact on how a child develops academic skills.

