



**NEURODIVERSITY +
AQUATICS
CERTIFICATION**



CERTIFICATION OVERVIEW

The Autism Swim Neurodiversity & Aquatics Certification is the *world's first professional certification* focused on neurodiversity in aquatic environments.

Developed by expert clinicians across Occupational Therapy, Behaviour Support, Speech and Language Pathology, and Physiotherapy, it provides aquatic professionals with evidence-informed, neuroaffirming strategies to support neurodivergent participants safely, confidently, and inclusively in real-world aquatic settings.

THIS CERTIFICATION IS IDEAL FOR:

Aquatic Providers: Swim Instructors, Coaches, Lifeguards, Program Coordinators, Team Leaders.

Allied Health Professionals: Occupational Therapists, Behaviour Support Practitioners, Physiotherapists and Exercise Physiologists.

Families + Community: Parents, Caregivers, Support Workers and Educators.

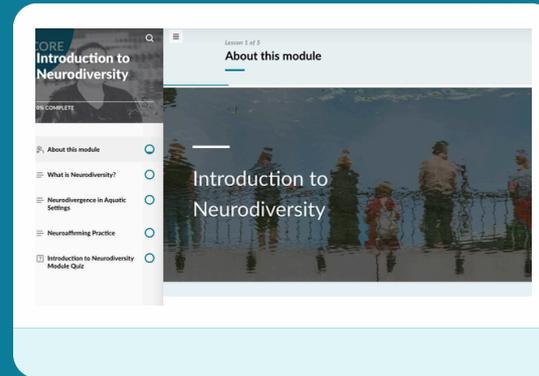
WHAT YOU WILL GAIN:

- Practical, neuroaffirming tools and strategies
- Skills to enhance engagement, participation and safety
- Internationally recognised Certification

LEARNING FORMAT

The Autism Swim Certification is delivered through a **structured, fully online learning pathway** designed to build knowledge progressively and translate learning into practice.

- 100% online and self-paced
- 12 months access from enrolment
- 10 interactive learning modules
- 12 hours learning content
- Knowledge checks and final quiz assessment



LEARNING APPROACH

- Evidence-informed, researched backed
- Neuroaffirming frameworks
- Real-world aquatic scenarios
- Interdisciplinary clinical expertise



CONTENT OVERVIEW

SELF-PACED CORE MODULES THAT ESTABLISH THE ESSENTIAL FOUNDATIONS OF NEURODIVERSITY + AQUATICS.

INTRODUCTION TO NEURODIVERSITY

Explore neurodiversity, recognise common traits, and learn how to support participants' needs, goals, and preferences.

COMMUNICATION

Develop skills to understand and communicate with participants in ways that work best for them.

BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

Learn neuroaffirming strategies to understand and support behaviour, focusing on strengths, goals, and preferences.

BUILDING RAPPORT

Learn how to build meaningful rapport to engage participants and support their aquatic goals.

VISUAL SUPPORTS

Explore practical ways to implement visual supports to guide participants and increase engagement.

CO-OCCURRING CONDITIONS

Recognise the prevalence of co-occurring conditions among individuals on the autism spectrum and what to expect in practice.

DROWNING PREVENTION

Drowning isn't always obvious. Learn key signs and proactive strategies to keep participants safe in the water.

NEURODIVERSITY AND AQUATICS

Explore strategies, aids, and supports to help neurodiverse participants thrive in aquatic environments.

SKILL BUILDING

Support skill development through flexible strategies that build confidence, maintain autonomy, and promote inclusive experiences.

WANDERING AND ELOPEMENT

Prevent, identify, and respond safely to wandering and elopement in neurodivergent participants.

AFTER COMPLETING THE CORE MODULES, FINISH WITH A FINAL QUIZ TO ACHIEVE YOUR CERTIFICATION.

CERTIFICATE UPON COMPLETION





LEARNING ADD ONS

ADVANCE YOUR EXPERTISE

Dive deeper into specialised topics with Extension Courses designed to expand and refine your knowledge.

DIVERSE LEARNERS

COMING
SOON

- PDA + Aquatics
- Supporting Flexible Thinking
- ADHD
- Inclusive Pathways

SENSORY

COMING
SOON

- Sensory Needs
- Sensory Breaks
- Sensory Based Sessions
- Body, Movement + Coordination

... and more Extension Courses to come in late 2026!

ENHANCE YOUR CERTIFICATION



AUTISM SWIM APPROVED PROVIDER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

- Access a library of hundreds of *clinically developed resources*
- Proudly display your *Autism Swim Approved Provider badge* on your website, social media and digital presence
- Complimentary listing on the *Autism Swim 'Find a Provider' directory* so people in your local area can find your services
- Exclusive access to *closed group community* of likeminded inclusive providers worldwide