

Course Overview

The SpIRiT© (Sensory processing/Integration Reasoning interactive Tool) is a mindful clinical reasoning tool for ensuring best practice in pediatric occupational therapy.

The SpIRiT introduces a clinical reasoning framework for combining sensory, affective, and motor (SAM) processing into a relationship-based, sensory integrative model of intervention. This introduction course to The SpIRiT© will focus on integrating SENSORY processing with motor and affective processing. It will also highlight the importance of reflective clinical reasoning as a way of practice. This online course will consist of pre-recorded videos, integration of knowledge activities, and resources to support learners as they embark on their learning journey at their own pace.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Define clinical reasoning and summarize why it is important in everyday practice
- Identify the core underpinnings encompassed within the SpIRiT process and how the tool aligns with Ayres Sensory Integration.
- State the components of SAM and how they are foundational to The SpIRiT
- Identify the 5 neurodevelopmental domains addressed within the SpIRiT and how these domains guide selection and implementation of a range of treatment approaches.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of a treatment plan and understand how to utilize the STEP²SI in order to generate a more comprehensive, individualized plan.
- Utilize the SpIRiT and STEP²SI to create client profiles and organize treatment plans

Course Instructor:

Tracy Murnan Stackhouse, MA, OTR is the executive director of Developmental FX (DFX) in Denver, Colorado, a non-profit organization providing clinical and training services to engage and elevate pediatric therapeutic practice. She is a leading pediatric occupational therapist (OT) involved in clinical treatment, research, mentoring, and training regarding OT intervention for persons with neurodevelopmental disorders, especially Fragile X Syndrome and autism. Tracy has a master's degree in developmental psychology/neuroscience. She received her NDT training with Lois Bly. She is SIPT Certified and was the clinical specialist in sensory integration at The Children's Hospital in Denver as well as the OT for the Fragile X Research and Treatment Center. Tracy continued her clinical and research work with Dr. Randi Hagerman at the UC Davis M.I.N.D. Institute during its start-up year prior to starting Developmental FX. Tracy has written several book chapters on sensory integration and neurodevelopmental disorders and teaches nationally and internationally on sensory integration, autism, fragile X and related topics. She is the lead author for the SpIRiT & S.T.E.P.S.I. Clinical Reasoning Tools which are leading-edge evidence-based models in pediatric OT. These models are utilized in OT practices around the globe and included in the model at Camp Jabiru in Australia. The tools are shared through the "Spirited Conversations" Podcast as well as through DFX's training platform, Learning Journeys. Tracy has ongoing courses offered through Medbridge and iLS/Untyte (remote training use of the Safe and Sound Protocol). Tracy is a member of the National Fragile X Foundation Clinical Research Consortium, the Scientific And Clinical Advisory Committee, and the NFXF Advisory Council and an expert advisor to the CDC and RTI Fragile X Priorities Panel.

Tracy is the co-founder of Developmental FX, which is a non-profit organization that is governed according to our mission and bylaws with a board of directors providing fiduciary and general oversight. All proceeds from trainings and publications are paid to the non-profit and not directly to Tracy to ensure that there is no conflict of interest and no disclosure. Tracy is a member of the National Fragile X Foundation (NFXF) Clinical Research Consortium, the Scientific and Clinical Advisory Committee, and the NFXF Advisory Council, and an expert advisor to the CDC and RTI Fragile X Priorities Panel.

Continuing Education: We are eager to share our SpIRiT clinical reasoning tool with clinicians around the world. A course certificate awarding 10.0 contact hours is issued at the completion of the full course that may be used for professional continuing education depending on each country's own requirements. The course includes measurement of proficiency and completion standards to address professional continuing education requirements. A learner must complete the course in entirety to receive continuing education credit. No partial credit will be awarded at this time.

In the United States, the course can be submitted to NBCOT in the category of WORKSHOPS/COURSES/INDEPENDENT LEARNING. Please contact learningjourneys@developmentalfx.org with additional questions or concerns.

Course Level: Intermediate. There are no prerequisites for this course

Completion Requirements: Participants need to view all of the recorded videos and complete the Integration of Learning Activities in order to receive a certificate/ continuing education hours for this course. A learner must complete the course in entirety to receive continuing education credit. No partial credit will be awarded at this time.

ADA/Section 504: Please contact us at learningjourneys@developmentalfx.org if you require specific accommodations.

Additional Learning Opportunities: Throughout this course, you will engage in activities designed to support your learning and integration of knowledge. You will see the following types of activities during your learning journey:

Pause and Practice: This type of learning activity provides you with an opportunity to engage in reflective learning. Activities may be structured to review concepts discussed within the chapter, practice using a tool with a client of your own, or to reflect on your own therapeutic practice. We encourage you to take the time to complete these activities and honor where you are on your individual learning journey.

Integration of Knowledge: These short quizzes are designed to highlight key concepts within chapters, and to ensure understanding of information that is imperative to the learning objectives outlined for this course.

Downloads and Course Structure: All of the downloadable resources and information will be provided at the beginning of this course in order to simplify your printing process. At the beginning of each chapter, you will find a Chapter Preview that highlights which materials will be covered in each chapter as well as the estimated time for completion.

Price: \$315

A Note about Group Learning:

We recognize the value of shared learning experiences. The SpIRiT of Pediatric Therapy course inherently provides a unique opportunity for rich group learning and elevated clinical reasoning discussions.

To encourage groups to learn together, we offer a reduced course price that includes a follow-up one-hour discussion with a DFX team mentor. This provides your group a chance to gather and the hour is customized to your group's needs. This may include a case discussion using the SpIRiT or targeted practice in a particular section of the SpIRiT; or a question and answer session. This will promote further integration of learning and help you more fully engage in the SpIRiT.

If you are interested in registering a group of learners, please email learningjourneys@developmentalfx.org to receive a quote for your customized learning experience that will include the added bonus of the group mentoring session. The DFX Learning Journeys team will assist you to register as a group from this email.

Group Rate: Sign up as a group and receive a group rate applied per participant as well as the added bonus of a one-hour mentoring session once the entire group has completed the course.

- Groups of 5 or more receive a 10% rate reduction per participant.
- Groups of more than 15 receive a 15% rate reduction per participant.

Cancellation Policy:

Online/ Distance Independent Learning: Participants are not entitled to refunds for this type of learning experience, except under extreme circumstances. Participants may request, however, an extension or delayed start in learning by emailing learningjourneys@developmentalfx.org

DFX Learning Journeys reserves the right to cancel an event with due cause. If a cancellation should occur, participants will be refunded in full and made aware of the cancellation as soon as possible using provided contact information.