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## Theoretical constructs in AAC 811 (AAK 811)

**Qualification** Postgraduate

**Faculty** [Faculty of Humanities](#)

**Module credits** 45.00

**Programmes** [MA Augmentative and Alternative Communication \(Coursework\)](#)

**Contact time** 3 other contact sessions per week

**Language of tuition** English

**Academic organisation** CAAC

**Period of presentation** Year

### Module content

Theories of communication, information processing, language development and literacy acquisition are dealt with as related to persons in need of or using augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). The role of AAC within a bioecological, social constructivist view of disability is explored. Current research issues in the field are explored in relation to different contexts and different populations. At the end of this module the student must be able to

- discuss different communication models relevant to AAC and apply these to case studies;
- discuss the influence of AAC on communication, information processing, language development and literacy acquisition in relation to specific cases;
- Identify and review current research focus areas in the field

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