

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Introduction to severe disabilities and AAC symbol systems 718 (AAK 718)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	30.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	BAHons in Augmentative and Alternative Communication
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	5 other contact sessions per week once a year
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Augmentative and Alternative Communicat
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Introduction to augmentative and alternative communication (AAC), definition of AAC, identification and discussion of key issues in AAC implementation and description of candidates who may benefit from AAC; their basic rights to communication, education and to work; as well as Communication for people with severe disabilities and the use of unaided (dynamic and/or manual) and aided (static) systems. At the end of this module, the student must be able to define concepts in AAC and identify and discuss key issues in AAC implementation and describe candidates who can benefit from AAC, and understand AAC symbol systems and the impact of using them with a person with little or no functional speech. A practical component is included.

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