

2218 – Autism Possibilities and Communication

Intermediate / Pool Workshop

Sanibel, FL / Wednesday, June 24, 2020 – 1:30-4:45 pm – 3.0 credit hours

(Classroom: 1:30-3:00 pm / Pool: 3:15-4:45 pm)

Faculty: Evelyn Keyes, BSc – Autism Possibilities

Donna Mooneyham, MAEd, CTRS/LRT – Autism Communication

Autism Possibilities

COURSE DESCRIPTION: A unique course with application for all levels of the Autism Spectrum. Evelyn has 40 years of experience with autistic clients from babies to adults and has created unique techniques that she taught in The Netherlands and Australia. The techniques use many variables in methodologies and individualistic storytelling, listening skills, cognitive stimulation by voice modulation and variables that don't disturb the client. Body language and facial mirroring are used with water flow techniques that come together as one.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- 1) Enhance the amplified awareness of the five most commonly discussed types of Autism Spectrum Disorders and many other associated disorders.
- 2) Share methods to open client communication with techniques created by presenter.
- 3) Encourage therapists to discover the possibilities and rewards of sharing function, health and wellness with ASD.
- 4) Experience adventurism in methodologies, individualistic storytelling client rapport, cognitive stimulation by voice modulation, body language and facial mirroring, and water flow techniques.

FACULTY: Evelyn Keyes, BSc, is an internationally recognized presenter in aquatics from Australia, formerly from The Netherlands. She has taught swimming for all levels and exercise science for 40 years. She runs a swim school from the Keyes Oasis Retreat in the Outback of Victoria, Australia. Along with her husband, Greg, they run Global Aquatic Instructors Network - Global Lifestyle Organization Web (GAINGLOW) and tour internationally for aquatics and leadership development.

Autism Communication

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course will identify barriers to participation as related to individuals with autism, memory and cognitive impairments that impact communication and understanding. In order to provide a safe environment and utilize the water to bring about a positive benefit, instructors and therapists can improve the setting/environment with communication supports that will enhance understanding and facilitate better participation. Supported communication can be created with a variety of low cost/low tech materials that can be easily adapted for the individual.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- 1) Identify communication barriers that affect participation.
- 2) Demonstrate understanding of symbol-based communication support through creation of simple programmatic changes.
- 3) Create adapted/supported communication tools for easy changes in workouts and programs

FACULTY: Donna Mooneyham, MAEd, CTRS/LRT, serves a variety of individuals in aquatic therapy for rehabilitation and independent living. She has worked as a licensed recreational therapist, educator and trainer for 30 years. She is involved with Wounded Warriors as an aquatic therapy trainer and service provider, as well as coaching Special Olympics. She was selected as a World Games Coach for Special Olympics and traveled to Greece in 2001 to coach swimming.