

## **Alberta Seating Education Program**

This workshop presents basic knowledge and skills required to assess and provide seating services. The course is required for any member of a seating service that accesses Alberta Aids to Daily Living Program funding for seating systems.

Registrants (occupational therapists, physical therapists, adaptive seating technicians and technician assistants, and medical vendors) are expected to have basic knowledge about anatomy, biomechanics, neurological and musculoskeletal deformities. Course content is based on the expectation that participants already have some experience in seating and familiarity with AADL processes.

The workshop will include:

***Application of seating principles:*** to address frequently encountered seating problems and potential solutions.

***The seating assessment process:*** lecture and practical sessions to learn assessment techniques.

***Seating Components:*** comparison of commercial and custom options for seating intervention.

***Service Delivery:*** underlying principles of client-centered service, interdisciplinary team approach and client-based outcome seating.

***Clinic operations:*** explanation of the standard provincial forms required for seating clinics.

Space is limited to a maximum of 25 registrants. Preference will be given to seating clinic vendors, community therapists referring to seating services and registrants involved or needed to staff existing seating clinics,.

As part of the registration process, applicants are required to review the online, learning material and complete a skills review found on the AADL website under Seating Education Program. A skills review answer sheet must be submitted with the registration form. The “skills review” answer sheet can also be found on the Alberta Seating Education registration brochure. This must be completed as a requirement of the application process.

The online learning material has been submitted by the Education Committee of the Alberta Seating Advisory Council. The Alberta Seating Advisory Council's membership includes seating therapists and suppliers, community therapist actively participating in referring clients to the seating services and Alberta Aids to Daily Living Program Managers. The Education Committee are respected experts in their field and represent seating clinics throughout Alberta.

As a group, the Council has identified provincial issues on seating benefits and recommend strategies to deliver seating benefits to Albertans in the best and most effective method. The Council also affords seating service providers and consumers a communication and advisory liason between other seating teams, Alberta Health Services and Alberta Seniors and Community Supports.

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