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Advanced Grammar Fundamentals for a Pluralistic Society

Course Description

This course focuses on how to use different techniques to elicit and analyze language samples for complex syntax. Topics included how to identify a variety of syntactic structures in language samples, syntactic structures required for school, morphological differences in various English dialects, and concerns with standardized assessments of syntactic development.

Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate and apply knowledge of typically developing syntax in the analysis of language samples.
2. Analyze complex syntax of sentences with noun clauses, relative clauses and adverbial clauses.
3. Identify three points of evidence-based practice for elicitation of complex syntax.
4. Identify morphological differences in various dialects of English.
5. Identify concerns with the use of standardized tests in assessing syntax.

Satisfactory Completion

This free, online self-study course is designed for speech-language pathologists and includes 3 professional development hours (PDH) or 0.30 ASHA Continuing Education Units (CEU) of advanced level, professional content on Developmental Language Disorder (Subject Code: 3010). Participants must read the learning outcomes and course outline, view and study all video modules listed in the course outline, read all supplementary materials provided, and score a minimum of 80% on the [online course assessment](#). Partial credit is not available for this course. To receive a certificate of completion, participants must meet all course requirements and enter their contact information at the beginning of the online course assessment. We strongly recommend saving the certificate of completion for personal records.

Course Outline

Please visit the course [website](#) to access the [modules](#) for this course:

- Module 1a: Fundamentals of Eliciting and Analyzing Complex Sentence Structures (16:12)
- Module 1b: Fundamentals of Eliciting and Analyzing Complex Sentence Structures (14:06)
- Module 2: Analysis of Kindergarten and First Grade (17:21)
- Module 3: Analysis of Third and Fourth Grade Language (19:34)

Supplemental Materials

Please visit the course [website](#) to access the supplemental materials for this course:

- [LEADERSproject Research Article Review: Expository Discourse in Adolescents With Language Impairments: Examining Syntactic Development \(Nippold, Mansfield, Billow & Tomblin, 2008\)](#)
- [LEADERSproject Research Article Review: Conversational Versus Expository Discourse: A Study of Syntactic Development in Children, Adolescents, and Adults \(Nippold, Hesketh, Duthie & Mansfield, 2005\)](#)

Course Participation Policies and Privacy Agreements

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ASHA CEU Policy & Privacy Agreement: Eligible participants who wish to receive ASHA CEUs for satisfactory completion of this course agree to share the following contact information with LEADERSproject: 8-digit ASHA ID number, first name, last name(s), full address, email address. This information is collected at the beginning of the online course assessment and used solely for the purpose of reporting satisfactory completion of the course to ASHA. ***Participants with incorrect or missing contact information, such as participant's ASHA member number, will not be reported to ASHA.*** LEADERSproject neither verifies eligibility for ASHA CEUs nor awards ASHA CEUs. Questions about ASHA CEU eligibility and awards should be directed to ASHA Continuing Education: <https://www.asha.org/form/contact-asha-ce/>.

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Disclosures

Catherine Crowley, J.D., Ph.D., CCC-SLP has a financial relationship with Teachers College, Columbia University as a salaried faculty member. She receives no additional financial compensation from this course and has no other financial or nonfinancial relationships to disclose. This course focuses on LEADERSproject treatment and assessment materials, which are available for free on <https://www.leadersproject.org>.

Dr. Catherine (Cate) Crowley, J.D., Ph.D., CCC-SLP Professor of Practice in Communication Sciences and Disorders at Teachers College Columbia University, founded the bilingual/multicultural program focus and the Bilingual Extension Institute. An experienced attorney, Dr. Crowley works with school districts and state education departments to increase the accuracy of disability evaluations and to identify appropriate supports for students with academic difficulties. An ASHA fellow, Dr. Crowley received ASHA awards for “Contributions to Multicultural Affairs”; “International Achievement”; and “Outstanding contributions to SLP services in schools” and received Honors from the New York State Speech Language and Hearing Association. While on ASHA’s Multicultural Issues Board, Dr. Crowley co-authored the current ASHA practice policy documents on the roles and responsibilities of SLPs in schools.

Dr. Donna M. Valenti has worked for 38 years in the New York City Department of Education as a language specialist and special education administrator. For the past 30 years she has worked as an adjunct instructor in CSD programs in the New York Metropolitan area.

Grace Ji Yan Tsang, MS recently received the Master’s degree at Teachers College Columbia University in the program of Communication Sciences and Disorders. Grace was a graduate assistant for Dr. Cate Crowley.

Kristin D. Guest, MS, CCC-SLP has worked for 8 years in New York City and internationally as a bilingual speech language pathologist and in special education. She also graduated from Teachers College Columbia University in the program of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

LEADERSproject (Law and Evidence-based Approaches for Disability Evaluation and ReSources), founded and directed by Dr. Cate Crowley, develops free, online resources on disability research, policy, and clinical practice. The [LEADERSproject website](https://www.leadersproject.org) is a place where clinical speech-language pathologists, psychologists, educators, administrators, and people with disabilities and their families can find information on the law, research, and current clinical practices related to assessment, treatment, and prereferral intervention, both in the United States and internationally. To learn more, please visit <https://www.leadersproject.org>. For more LEADERSproject courses, please visit <https://www.leadersproject.org/ceu-courses-2/>.

Accessibility and Accommodations Policy

This free, online course is delivered through asynchronous, self-paced multimedia modules with audio and visual content to provide maximal flexibility and accessibility to all participants who wish to take this course. If additional accommodations are needed, please contact leadersproject.org@gmail.com.

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