



# TAU XL: AT Awareness for Study Needs Assessors



Tau XL is a CPD-certified online course designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of Study Needs Assessors when recommending assistive technology products to disabled students.

With a myriad of Assistive Technology (AT) solutions available, understanding the specific features and applications of each solution and how these benefit individual needs can be challenging. This course aims to provide Needs Assessors with the tools and information to make informed recommendations tailored to the requirements of individual students.

## Course Objectives

1. Understand the role of assistive technology in fostering accessibility and inclusivity in education.
2. Learn the differences between various types of assistive technology products, their features and their specific applications.
3. Gain knowledge and develop skills to assess individual student needs and recommend suitable assistive technology solutions.
4. Contribute to an inclusive and accessible educational environment for disabled students.

## Course Modules

Each AT strategy is the subject of its own module (e.g. Mind mapping). This encourages learners to explore the full range of tools available and the differences between them. The modules include:

- Text-to-Speech
- Note-taking
- Mindmapping
- Speech-to-Text
- Organisation Tools
- Study Support Tools
- E-Learning platforms
- Spelling Support
- Physical Tools for document accessibility
- Magnification & Screen Reading
- Captioning & Devices for Deafness and hearing loss

Learners will also gain knowledge about assistive technology as a whole, how students can access assistive technology and have access to a large library of resources and literature.

## Accessibility

The course has been designed with accessibility at its core and includes accessible features such as transcripts and subtitles for videos and a range of learning materials such as text, videos and quizzes. The course is flexible and allows users to complete the course in their own time.

## Outcomes

By the end of this course, learners will have gained invaluable insight into the transformative impact of assistive technology on students' academic lives, along with the differences between the solutions available. Additionally, they'll be equipped with the knowledge and tools necessary to effectively assess individual student needs and make appropriate recommendations. They'll also Earn CPD points whilst fostering inclusivity and accessibility within education and empowering disabled students to thrive.