



TAU XL: AT Awareness in Education



Tau XL is a CPD-certified online course designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of support staff working with disabled students using assistive technology.

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 demystify assistive technology and provide tools to effectively support students in their academic journey.

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 on how to support disabled students to implement assistive technology effectively.
4. Foster 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 champion inclusivity and accessibility within education and empower disabled students to thrive. As a CPD-certified program, this course also emphasises a commitment to ongoing professional development.