



Learning Center

Location/Date/Time

Methodist Estabrook Cancer Center
Auditorium
8303 Dodge Street
Omaha, NE 68114

Thursday, August 27, 2026
8:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Presented by

Dr. Theresa Furley, OTD, OTR/L,
Senior Therapist, OT, Zier Institute

Javid A. Rahaman, PhD, BCBA-D,
LBA (NC), Director, Behavior
Management Programs, Center
for Pediatric Behavioral Health

Dr. Shane Stephenson, Physician
Family Practice, Health West
Family Practice

Panel for Interaction Lab:

Tish Johnson
Kim Biggs
Kim Quinn

Panel for Experiential Learning
Lab:

Matthew Johnson (Tish Johnson)
Sam Biggs (Kim Biggs)

Neurodiversity-Affirming Care: Assessment, Understanding, and Navigation of Care

Details

The purpose of this event is to enhance healthcare providers' understanding of autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities through a neurodiversity-affirming and trauma-informed framework. This program will equip participants with practical strategies to improve assessment, communication, and collaboration with neurodiverse individuals and their families. Through evidence-based interventions, real-world clinical approaches, and insights from neurodiverse individuals and caregivers, participants will develop the skills needed to reduce distress, prevent crisis, and deliver more compassionate, individualized care that improves patient experiences and outcomes in healthcare settings.

Agenda

Time (CST) : Title/Speaker/Contact Hours Awarded

7:45am-8:00am: Check in and registration

8:00am-9:00am: Autism Spectrum Disorder through the
Healthcare Worker Lens: Dr. Theresa Furley (1.0 CH)

9:00am-9:45am: Assessment Tools and Intake Processes: David A.
Rahaman (0.75 CH)

9:45am-10:30am: Interventions, Crisis Prevention, and
Collaboration: Javid A. Rahaman (0.75 CH)

10:30am-10:45am: Patient Experience Video and Q&A: Javid A.
Rahaman (0.25 CH)

10:45am-11:00am: Break

11:00am-12:00pm: Panel Interaction Lab: Neurodiversity-Affirming
Communication in Healthcare with Caregivers: Tish Johnson, Kim
Biggs, Kim Quinn (1.0 CH)

12:00pm-12:30pm: Experiential Learning: Practicing
Communication with Autistic Individuals: Dr Stephenson,
Matthew, Sam, Connor (0.5 CH)

Handouts

To access the handouts, please refer to your course
registration emails, or the course.



**NEBRASKA
METHODIST
COLLEGE**
The Josie Harper Campus

Learning Center

Neurodiversity-Affirming Care: Assessment, Understanding, and Navigation of Care

Upcoming Programs

To learn more about our live events, online programs, and podcasts, click the link or scan the QR code:
<https://www.methodistcollege.edu/lc-subscribe>



Connect with Us

Subscribe to our emails and newsletters for more information about online & upcoming live continuing education opportunities from Nebraska Methodist College at <http://blog.methodistcollege.edu/pd-subscribe>, or scan:



Nebraska Methodist College Learning Center
720 N. 87th Street
Omaha, NE 68114
LC@methodistcollege.edu
<https://www.methodistcollege.edu/learning-center>



"NMC Professional Development



@nmcprofdevCE



Nebraska Methodist College Learning Center

Program Disclosures

Provider Approval Statements: Nebraska Methodist College Learning Center is approved with distinction as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the VTL Center for Professional Development, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Physician

The Nebraska Methodist College Learning Center is accredited by the Nebraska Medical Association to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Nebraska Methodist College Learning Center designates this enduring material for a maximum of 4.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Successful Completion Requirements: In order to obtain contact hours or continuing education credit for this educational activity, participants are required to complete stated requirements:

- Attendance at the entire activity
- Completion/submission of evaluation form within 7 days of the program
- A link to access your certificate will be automatically generated and emailed to you within 24 hours of completing all requirements. Or, you can go to our website: www.methodistcollege.edu/pd, click "Account Login" on the top right side of the page, log in to your account, and click "Certificates."

Relevant Financial Relationships with an Ineligible Company: No relevant financial relationships were identified for planners or presenters.

All content provided here is for educational and informational purposes only and is not intended as a substitute for individualized professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Nothing contained herein establishes or shall be used to establish a standard of care.