



# Davis<sup>®</sup> Autism and Concepts for Life Facilitator Training

## Post-Grad Training Stream

Empowering autistic individuals to participate more fully in a life they choose

Are you a therapist, psychologist, educator, or professional who works with autistic and neurodiverse individuals?

Have you had success with your current approaches but would like to be able to offer more?

Do you feel that your practice would benefit from extra tools in your professional toolkit to help these individuals create impactful and lasting change for themselves?

Would you like those extra tools to be provided within the context of a respectful, gentle, holistic approach that works?

You can add to your professional toolkit by training to become a licensed Davis Autism and Concepts for Life Facilitator, facilitating positive change for neurodiverse individuals, empowering them to unlock their knowledge and capabilities.

Many professionals have found that the Davis Programs have been the missing tools they needed within their practice to fully support autistic individuals, as well as individuals struggling with executive functioning challenges.

This introductory pack will provide you with more information on our Davis Autism and Concepts for Life training program.

**"What inspired me to help others with autism is that I am myself autistic. I know what it feels like and I know the limitations that exist as a result of it.**

**I realised that, given I had found my own way through this chaos (of autism), I could provide a 'map' for others of my kind to follow – then there would be value in my existence. The Davis Autism Approach is my best effort at providing that map."**

Ron Davis  
Founder, Davis Autism Approach

## Help us unlock the gifts of neurodiversity

Autistic and neurodiverse children and adults are not broken. They do not need 'fixing'.



**Melanie Curry**  
President & CEO  
Founding Director

Their neurodiversity is not a disease to be cured or an affliction to be removed. However, neurodiverse individuals do experience barriers to participating in life and enjoying it to the full.

They need help to unlock their natural gifts, so they can participate more fully in the world in the way that they choose.

Our vision at the Ron Davis Autism Foundation is for the gifts of autism and neurodiversity to be recognised, revealed and celebrated worldwide.

We respect and honor neurodiversity, and seek to support and empower autistic and neurodiverse individuals in everything we do. Our aim is to help them unlock their beautiful minds and gifts to benefit each individual, their family, the wider community and, indeed, the world.

Our ground-breaking programs and tools are gentle, non-intrusive and incredibly powerful. They have been created by Ron Davis, an autistic man with the IQ of a genius. Ron created these programs to develop and enhance the ability of autistic individuals to understand and interact in the world. They have also proven invaluable for individuals with executive functioning challenges such as stress-management, maintaining focus, energy regulation, behavior management, and maintaining positive relationships.

By training in the Facilitator licensing program, you too, can help individuals create meaningful and lasting change in their lives, all without losing their beautiful uniqueness.

We are a charity with a bold vision of unlocking the gifts of autism to benefit humanity and this precious planet we all share. Will join us in making this vision a reality?

The Post- Grad Training Stream is for professionals who hold current qualifications and experience in the field of autism and are passionate about creating inspiring change for autistic individuals, as well as individuals struggling with executive functioning challenges. This may include therapists, psychologists, educators and other professionals.

Post-graduate Licensing Training is a comprehensive training stream that takes into account the existing level of knowledge and expertise you already possess as a qualified professional.

The Post-graduate Training pathway builds on your existing skill set, adding the detailed knowledge, experience and skills required to become a licensed Davis Autism and Concepts for Life Facilitator. As a trainee, you will participate in practical workshops, complete written assignments and work with individuals during practicums, under the supportive guidance of your personal supervisor.



"This is a sound,  
credible and  
compassionate  
approach to a complex  
developmental issue."

Clinical psychologist,  
Australia

## What kind of results do people see with the Davis Autism and Concepts for Life programs?

One of the most common, and most important questions we get asked, is "How do the Davis programs help autistic and neurodiverse individuals?" The easiest way to answer this question is to share some of the most common improvements that are reported back to the Foundation from clients who have completed the Davis Autism Approach of Concepts for Life Programs.

These include:

- less anxiety
- reductions in meltdowns
- a reduction in sensory overload symptoms
- increased ability to be able to take part in daily activities and create order in their life
- a willingness to try new things
- greater capacity to cope with change
- increased self-awareness
- better able to manage stress
- an increased ability to focus for periods of time
- able to monitor and self-regulate their energy levels
- greater insight into the relationship between cause and effect
- improved time management
- better organization and ability to complete tasks
- the ability to apply a framework to establish self-responsibility
- being better equipped to manage relationships and social interactions
- the enhanced ability to make decisions based on what is right or wrong for Self.

These results have been confirmed by internal and independent research.



**"It feels easier to be me."**

Davis Concepts for Life client

## What characteristics are necessary for success as a Davis Autism and Concepts for Life Facilitator?

Our professional training is rooted in our philosophy of embracing neurodiversity, respecting every individual, nurturing growth and building on strengths to overcome challenges.

Our Facilitators embody the following characteristics:

- Respect for autistic individuals and their families
- Patience and calmness in their approach
- Observant without judgement
- Sensitive and alert to non-verbal communication
- Empathetic vs. sympathetic
- Enjoys fun and play
- Holds the belief that autistic individuals can be guided towards full participation in a life they choose

## What benefits will you receive as a licensed Davis Autism and Concepts for Life Facilitator?

In addition to being part of a supportive worldwide community actively working together to create inspiring change in the world of autism and neurodiversity, you will also receive:

- your business listing on Ron Davis Autism Foundation website
- referrals of program enquiries received by Ron Davis Autism Foundation
- the right to use Davis trademarks when promoting and advertising yourself as a licensed Facilitator for the Davis Autism Approach Program and Davis Concepts for Life program
- the right to print copyrighted marketing material created by Ron Davis Autism Foundation
- the right to purchase specialized Davis Autism and Concepts for Life resources from authorized vendors
- access to regular professional development opportunities offered by Ron Davis Autism Foundation
- subscription to the Davis Autism Approach and Concepts for Life Facilitator network for peer support and advice
- periodic e-newsletters and technical updates and bulletins from Ron Davis Autism Foundation
- consultation with Davis Autism Approach and Concepts for Life Supervisors as needed, and
- the right to offer NOIT (Natural Orientation Inducing Tool) supervision to families of non-verbal autistic individuals.

## What is involved in the training to become a licensed Davis Autism and Concepts for Life Facilitator?

The Post-graduate Training pathway builds on your existing skill set, adding the detailed knowledge, experience and skills required to become a licensed Davis Autism and Concepts for Life Facilitator.

As a Post-Grad trainee, you will:

Participate in a series of workshops, which provide the logic and reasoning behind the approach; instructions on how to implement every aspect of the program; opportunities to observe and practice every tool and concept of the program in a supported learning environment, allowing you to develop your own 'art of facilitation'

Complete written assignments, giving you the opportunity to practice the tools and concepts for self; as well as gain certainty on how to the theory and application of each aspect of the program.

Work with individuals during practicums, gaining invaluable real-life experience of facilitating the program with a variety of neurodiverse individuals.

All of this training is completed under the supportive guidance of your personal supervisor, who is highly trained to provide you with expert advice and support.

You will also be part of the worldwide trainee community, where you can ask questions and access trainee resources in a private, online, supportive forum.



## Meet Mary Martin

Mary Martin's youngest daughter was born with sensory processing disorder and motor deficiencies. Her inability to decode and process the information she was hearing, seeing and feeling left her in a constant state of fear and chaos.

"Some therapies we tried were helpful and began to give us hope. However, we didn't begin to experience truly dramatic life changes in our family until we found Davis Concepts for Life.

Our lives are now 'normal' – we laugh as a family, we cry as a family, we encourage one another, we strengthen one another. We hadn't experienced that before.

I would encourage any family struggling as we were to consider exploring Davis Concepts for Life or Davis Life Concepts for Autism."

After witnessing the changes in Sophia, Mary decided to pursue her Davis Facilitator's license. She is now a licensed Davis Autism and Concepts for Life Facilitator based in Tennessee, USA.



"The Davis program opens a new door on life, but does not shut the door on the past nor detract from the spirit of the individual."

Abigail Marshall, from 'Autism and the Seeds of Change'



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Come to our next free webinar where you can learn more about what makes the Davis Autism Approach program so unique and have the opportunity to have all of your questions answered. Presented by experienced Davis Autism facilitators, we would love to have you join us!



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