

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Pennsylvania Early Intervention Technical Assistance Sponsored Enrollment Autism Navigator for Early Intervention Providers Online Professional Course

1. What is the Autism Navigator: Knowledge and Skills course?

The **Autism Navigator for Early Intervention Providers: Knowledge and Skills (AN: K&S)** course is one of a collection of Autism Navigator course offerings that is web based and includes extensive videos and print materials to bridge the gap between research and community practice. It is designed to increase the capacity of professionals who provide services to families of **young children** who are identified with or at risk for autism. The course is particularly relevant for professionals working with young children in the home.

To learn more about the course, read the [course description](#)

For more information on other Autism Navigator (AN) courses offered through Florida State University's (FSU) Autism Institute, see pp. 3 of these FAQs, or, go to <https://autismnavigator.com/>.

2. How is Early Intervention Technical Assistance (EITA) supporting enrollment of Pennsylvania (PA) EI professionals in the AN: K & S course?

Through a multi-year contract between FSU and EITA, a generous but limited number of **AN: K & S** enrollment seats will be available to eligible PA Early Intervention professionals at no cost (a \$500/seat market value) until December 2020. These pre-paid seats will be filled using an open enrollment process. Each approved PA seat provides one year of access to this course from the date of enrollment registration. Enrollment registration may occur at any time throughout the year. The course requires 30 hours of study and enrollees are expected to finish the course.

3. Since there are multiple Autism Navigator courses, which one(s) are suggested for my position?

Before submitting an enrollment request, please read and follow the recommendations in the table at the end of this FAQ. It will help you to identify the Autism Navigator course and resources recommended for your position.

4. What is the process for requesting enrollment in the 30 hour AN: K & S course?

Before requesting enrollment:

- Read these FAQs and the AN: K & S [course description](#) in entirety.
- Refer to the Tables (pp 3-4) in these FAQs to ensure this course is recommended for your position.

Ensure your commitment by signing a User Agreement that attests to the following:

- You are currently and anticipate continuing for the upcoming year:
 - 1) Providing or supervising EI services in Pennsylvania, or 2) Teaching Early Intervention, Early Childhood Special Education, Early Care and Education, or Related Services (e.g., SLP, OT) coursework in a PA institution of higher education
- You agree to complete the 30 hour online course within one year,
- You will not share your enrollment code with any persons, agencies, groups or organizations.
- You have access to the resources required to use the online course including 1. Internet connection with adequate speed to view video clips, 2. Speakers or headphones for audio, 3. The latest version of Chrome, Safari or Firefox (Explorer is not supported), 4. Adobe Reader for PDF files.

To request enrollment, submit an enrollment request email to ANenroll@pattan.net. **If you are a Preschool Early Intervention professional, you must cc: your Preschool Supervisor when requesting enrollment.** Upon receipt of your email request, you will be asked to complete and sign a User Agreement. Within 2 weeks of receipt of your completed User Agreement, you will receive instructions and a personal code for enrolling. If your submitted Enrollment Agreement is not complete, your enrollment application will be delayed.

5. What can I expect once I enroll?

The **AN: K & S** course is a 30 hour online course consisting of five thematic units. It is entirely self-paced. There are no scheduled times that an enrollee must be online. Approved PA enrollees have one year from registration to complete the course (at no cost) and are expected to complete all 5 Units.

It is highly recommended that enrollees schedule a minimum of five hours per month on the course since content progressively builds knowledge across units. This minimum five hour per month pace will support learners knowledge gains while preventing attrition and allow an additional six months to use course materials, videos and resources.

Enrollees are encouraged to share *Autism Navigator's* tools and resources with families and team members (although sharing enrollment codes is forbidden).

6. Are any continuing education units (CEUs) awarded for the Knowledge and Skills course? How and when are they awarded?

- **Act 48 CEUs are not issued by EITA/PaTTAN or FSU for this course.**
- If Act 48 hours are desired, contact your local EI program to determine local options for Act 48 credit.
- For each of the 5 Units, Certificates of Completion are issued from FSU. These Certificates may be used as evidence for PA infant-toddler EI training hours. To obtain a Certificate of Completion, enrollees must complete the Post-Unit Assessment with an 80% pass rate. The assessment may be repeated as needed.
- ASHA CEUs are issued through FSU/AN to eligible SLPs.
- EITA/PaTTAN will not be issuing CEUs of any type for *AN: K & S* completion.
- For Certificate of Completion & ASHA hours, see the chart below.

Unit	AN Certificate of Completion	ASHA
Unit 1: Improving Early Detection	5.5 hours	.55 CEUs
Unit 2: Collaborating with Families	3 hours	.30 CEUs
Unit 3: Developmental Perspective	6 hours	.60 CEUs
Unit 4: Evidence-based Intervention Strategies	11 hours	1.10 CEUs
Unit 5: Addressing Challenging Behaviors	5 hours	.5 CEUs

7. I'm interested in taking the three hour *About Autism in Toddlers* course. How do I register? Are CEUs available for the *Autism Navigator: About Autism in Toddlers (AN: AAT)* course?

Autism Navigator: About Autism in Toddlers is a free course that's available online through the Autism Navigator. If you're interested in obtaining three Pennsylvania Infant Toddler Early Intervention training hours (and a certificate of completion), you must register for the course on the EITA Portal.

- a. To register for this 3 hour course on the **EITA Portal**, go to the [Professional Development](#) page to find the *About Autism in Toddlers* course.
- b. Once you register for this course by completing demographic information on the EITA Portal, you'll be directed to a link for the **AN: AAT** course on the FSU/Autism Navigator site.
- c. After you've completed the **AN: AAT** course (approximately 3 hours) on the Autism Navigator site, you must return to the EITA Portal and complete the assessment and reflection activity.
- d. Once you pass the assessment (80%), you will receive a Certificate of Completion valid for 3 Infant/Toddler PA EI training hours.

8. How do I prevent or address technical problems within the course (e.g., slow video play; denied access)?

Please keep in mind that Florida State University (not EITA) manages the course. **All technical problems should be directed to the AN Help Desk** (linked in the course). If you are unable to access the course after following enrollment instructions and these guidelines, email the *Autism Navigator* Help Desk for advice (autismnavigator@med.fsu.edu).

Most technical problems submitted to the Navigator team are solved by **updating browsers**.

Autism Navigator Courses and Recommended Resources	Course Description and Enrollment Information
<p style="text-align: center;">AN:K & S</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Autism Navigator for Early Intervention: Knowledge and Skills</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A thirty hour course designed primarily for Early Intervention providers and other professionals who support young children with or at risk for ASD and their families in the home.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PA Autism Navigator Enrollment Information and Course Description are available on the EITA Portal Autism Page</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AN: AAT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Autism Navigator: About Autism in Toddlers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">An outstanding, free 3 hour online course with extensive video examples.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This course is appropriate for all Early Intervention, early childhood, and related services professionals and families. Course Link - https://autismnavigator.com/courses/#everyone To obtain three PA Infant/Toddler EI Training hours (and a certificate of completion) for this course, see FAQ #7.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AN: VG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Autism Navigator: ASD Video Glossary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">An excellent, free, online resource. Includes videos of parent perspectives, intervention practices, autism symptoms, etc. This is an open-ended resource for exploration rather than a course requiring “completion”.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Course link -https://autismnavigator.com/courses/#everyone</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">EITA Portal→ Topic of Interest→ Autism</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Includes evidence based and quality resources for parents of and professionals who support young children with ASD. This is a Pennsylvania Early Intervention Technical Assistance (EITA) sponsored site that includes information on PA’s Autism Navigator enrollment process. Resource link - http://www.eita-pa.org/autism/</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AN:PC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Autism Navigator for Primary Care</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">An eight hour course designed primarily for pediatric practices. EITA sponsors enrollment in this course for any pediatric physician practice recommended for enrollment by an LICC or PA EI Program Supervisor or EI County Coordinator. This course is also available to OCDEL’s Nurse Family Partnership nurses. Email ANenroll@pattan.net to request information and enrollment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For online information about this course, go to https://autismnavigator.com/autism-navigator-for-primary-care/</p>

If your role is ↓	Recommended Course	Recommended Optional Courses	Recommended Resources
<p>Speech and Language Therapist Special Instructor providing ongoing IFSP services</p>	<p>Highly recommended for <u>all</u> of these professionals AN:K & S</p>	<p>AN: AAT AN: VG</p>	<p>EITA Portal Topic of Interest → Autism</p>
<p>Speech and Language Therapist Or Special Educator providing ongoing IEP services</p> <p>Behavior Specialist providing ongoing IFSP/IEP services</p> <p>Early Intervention Related Service Professionals (Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Vision and Hearing Specialists) providing ongoing IFSP/IEP services</p> <p>Pennsylvania higher education faculty who regularly teach courses in Early Intervention, Early Childhood Special Education, Early Care and Education, or Related Services (i.e., SLP, OT)</p>	<p>AN:K & S</p>	<p>AN: AAT AN: VG</p>	<p>EITA Portal - Autism</p> <p>First Words Project</p>
<p>Independent Evaluator <i>(Assessing for EI Infant-Toddler Eligibility)</i></p> <p>Program Supervisor or Coordinator of EI Services</p> <p>Psychologist</p> <p>IFSP Service Coordinator</p>	<p><i>Depending on your professional interests and needs, you may choose to enroll in either course.</i></p> <p><i>It's recommended that you review the AN: AAT course and AN:VG resource <u>before</u> making a decision to enroll in AN:K & S.</i></p>	<p>AN: AAT AN: VG or AN:K & S</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EI Para-professional • Parents of children with suspected or confirmed social communication developmental delays • Early Care & Education Professionals, Para-professionals • Behavioral Health Technicians and Home Visiting Professionals who support young children 	<p>AN: AAT AN: VG</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>First Words Project</p> <p>EITA Portal - Autism</p>