

RITA-T Training Course

This program consists of 8 sections. Please allow three to four hours to experience the whole course and training for the RITA-T. Please print at least 6 scoring sheets before starting the training from the “Downloads” tab. You can do each part at a time, i.e. save and get back to it.

Under Course Content you will find the sections of the course:

1. Pre-test:

You will need to complete the pre-test before starting the course. The pre-test will allow you to test your knowledge on important elements such as the early signs of autism, and screening tests, and compare your progress on the post-test at the end of the course. There is no passing score required for the pre-test.

“Educational Background” and “Overview of the RITA-T” begin with a presentation on the early signs of ASD, and a model in an Early Intervention Program that incorporates the RITA-T. You can read about the RITA-T development in the overview of the RITA-T section, where you can also review a video on the administration of the RITA-T. If you don’t have your kit yet when you go over this section, you can review it again once your kit arrives. It is helpful to have the RITA-T administration manual in front of you during this section.

2. Educational Background:

1. Early Signs of ASD
2. A Early Intervention Model

3. Overview of the RITA-T:

1. RITA-T overview, development, current models
2. Video of RITA-T administration and scoring

4. Step-by-Step Training:

In this section, you first need 3 scoring sheets labeled: CLIP 1, CLIP 2, and CLIP 3. You will watch 3 different presentations of each of the RITA-T 9 items being administered. You can watch this as many times as needed. When ready, you will score that item on the corresponding scoring sheet. After you hand score each clip, you will then enter your scores on the corresponding questions under the video. After selecting your answers, select “Finish Activity” and you will be given points based on how many items you got correct for that press and an explanation on how the scoring was determined. You can re-score as many times as needed. Once you have completed the scoring for all 27 clips you will be ready to move on to the Independent Practice.

5. Independent Practice Videos:

For this final section, you will watch 3 complete administrations of the RITA-T, one video

at a time. You will use the 3 remaining scoring sheets to score each administration. At the end of each of the 3 test administrations you will select the correct score range for the administration. You must get the correct final score on the 3 videos within 3 points range to pass the evaluation and receive your certificate. You can re-score the videos as many times as needed.

6. Post-test:

You will need to complete a post-test at the completion of this training. You must earn a 70% or higher to continue. You can repeat this test as many times as you need to achieve this score.

7. Course Evaluation:

Following the post-test, we ask that you complete a very short survey about the course. We will receive notification that you have completed your training. You will receive your certificate via email.

8. Now you have trained on the RITA-T! Then what?

Now you need to practice using the RITA-T! Allow yourself a few times to administer it “live” even with the manual until you feel totally confident. Administer the RITA-T on young children in your family. Become familiar with each of the items and how to use them correctly. Administer the test on young children in your program who you do not have concerns for. Score in pairs to become familiar with the scoring and to establish interrater reliability. Identify a system within your program to integrate the RITA-T.

Please let us know your feedback and questions by reaching out to us at RITA-T@childrens.harvard.edu

When you have completed all sections of the course, and achieved the appropriate scores on the practice videos, you will be awarded your certificate. Your Kit was shipped to you when you registered.

Thank you for training on the RITA-T!