

STOCKTON | SCHOOL OF UNIVERSITY | HEALTH SCIENCES

Empowering Communication and Literacy for AAC Users

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Agenda

- 6:00 – 6:10 PM | Welcome and Introductions
 - Course overview and learning objectives
 - Participant introductions and expectations
- 6:10 – 6:30 PM | Foundations of AAC and Literacy
 - Overview of AAC systems (low-tech to high-tech)
 - The connection between communication and literacy development
 - Key principles of emergent and conventional literacy for AAC users
- 6:30 – 7:00 PM | Language Development Through AAC
 - Modeling and aided language input
 - Core vs. fringe vocabulary instruction
 - Strategies for promoting expressive language growth
- 7:00 – 7:30 PM | Literacy Instruction for AAC Users
 - Integrating shared reading and writing with AAC
 - Adapting literacy materials for access
 - Supporting phonological awareness, decoding, and comprehension
- 7:30 – 7:50 PM | Practical Strategies and Tools
 - Evidence-based practices to increase participation and engagement
 - Incorporating AAC into classroom routines and academic tasks
- 7:50 – 8:00 PM | Reflection and Q&A
 - Key takeaways