

Information regarding hosting an AHA course

The AHA course

The AHA courses are supplied by the company Handfast AB in Stockholm, which allocates two licensed lecturers for the course. The courses are organized in two steps. First there are two and a half days of lecturing and practical training with the two course leaders. This part includes an introduction of the concept, theoretical background and development of the test, definitions of the test items and scoring criteria from the manual, and practicing of scoring children with different ability levels from video recorded AHA play sessions. It also includes demonstrations about how the play session should be performed and the different test materials that are used depending on the age of the child. The second part of the course contains individual feedback on 6 cases. Each participant shall score 4 videos available from a website, and will receive detailed individual feedback. After that the participants are to record 2 self-produced play sessions, score them and send the videos and scores to us for feedback and approval. To be able to do this part of the certification and to all future use of the AHA the participant will need access to an AHA test kit. Test-kits can be ordered from Handfast AB, order forms will be provided to course participants before (and during) the workshop and are not needed until about 1 month after the workshop. This whole certification procedure should be completed in three months. So, the course really is more a 5-day than a 3-day course. For the AHA-teachers the individual feedback involves another 4-5 hours of work per participant.

What is required from the AHA course host?

- The local host is responsible for booking the course venue, catering, and providing administration concerning the practical issues around the course. The recommended group size is 20, with a variation range of 16-25 participants in a course.
- As soon as you have decided you are interested to host a course, please contact us so that we can set a preliminary date. Usually, courses are booked about 6-9 months ahead.
- After setting the date and location of your course, Handfast AB will arrange lecturers and provide you with their names and e-mail addresses.
- Determine the course registration fee for participants.
- Organize the course registration for participants.
- Advise lecturers and preferably book suitable accommodation.
- Print AHA manuals, score forms and handouts for participants. Printing files will be provided by lecturers.

Costs for hosting a course

To determine your final course fee for the participants these costs should be taken into account:

- A specified fee to Handfast AB per participant (please contact admin@ahanetwork.se for current details)
- Your own additional costs for advertising, lecture room, handouts, administration and catering.

What is included in the fee to Handfast AB?

- Lecturers fee for the 2 and a half days of classroom training.
- Distance teaching and individual feedback to each participants on 6 cases.
- Course info can be posted at the AHA website by either a pdf file including the full advertisement, subscription forms and costs, or just including dates and e-mail address to a contact person.
- A template with course information and logo for the advertisement, if desired.
- Access for each participant to the Coursio e-learning platform.
- Files with handouts and the AHA manual for the host to print.
- Score forms for the host to print.
- Score forms for participants in electronic format.
- After approved scorings; an AHA rater certificate

What if there are not enough participants?

We estimate that at least 16 participants are needed for a host to break even to a reasonable course fee. A host can cancel a course up until one month before the due course start, but if travel arrangements have been made before that, the host is responsible for paying the travel costs. Travel costs are often lower when booked 2-3 month ahead. Lecturers will contact the host before making travel arrangements.