



Mini-Assisting Hand Assessment

Online Training Course
North America
February 2024

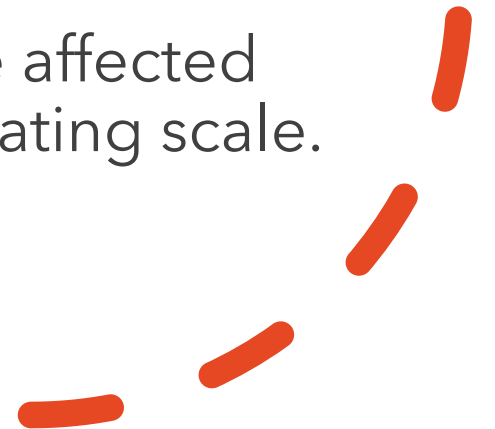


Course information

The Mini-Assisting Hand Assessment (Mini-AHA) was developed to evaluate the affected upper limb of young children with unilateral cerebral palsy (CP) aged 8-18 months.

Like the Assisting Hand Assessment (AHA), the Mini-AHA involves a video-recorded play session using carefully selected toys that provoke bimanual hand use.

Twenty object related actions of the affected hand are later scored on a 4-point rating scale.



How is the course conducted?

The course teaches the reliable use of the Mini-AHA assessment in three steps.....

1. The first step involves a three-day online workshop where participants will learn about the constructs underlying the Mini-AHA, how to score the test items and how to conduct the test procedures including the play session. There will also be opportunities to practice scoring children. Handouts, a Mini-AHA manual with detailed scoring criteria and a computer-based scoring form will be provided.
2. The second next step is to complete further independent scoring of Mini-AHA assessments, with feedback provided regarding your results.
3. The third step involves participants creating their own test kit according to instructions given during the course, and then conducting a Mini-AHA play session. Feedback on the selected toys and your play session will be provided.

Course objectives

On completion of the course participants will be able to:

- Understand the constructs and the psychometric evidence upon which the Mini-AHA is based
- Produce reliable scores according to the criteria in the manual
- Demonstrate how to select appropriate toys for a Mini-AHA play session
- Demonstrate the set-up and video-recording of the session and how toys are used to provoke bimanual play
- Interpret the outcomes of the assessment and how they may be used to guide intervention and measure change

Course teachers

Dr Susan Greaves is an Occupational Therapist with over 35 years of experience working in paediatrics, predominantly with children with cerebral palsy. She is currently working in private practice, teaches worldwide the reliable administration of the Mini-AHA and HAI assessments as well as conducting ongoing research in upper limb assessment and interventions for children with unilateral CP. Sue's PhD studies involved the development of the Mini-Assisting Hand Assessment.



Kirsten Browney is an Occupational Therapist currently working in private practice but has previously worked at the Royal Children's Hospital and Monash Children's Hospital, Melbourne. She is passionate about working with children with cerebral palsy and acquired brain injury and uses the Mini-AHA regularly in her clinical practice.



Course details

When: 7th - 9th February 2024 for North American participants (8th - 10th February 2023 - Australian dates).

Time: 12:30 noon - 5:30pm Pacific Standard Time (USA) and 7:30am - 12:30pm (Australian Eastern Daylight Time)

Who should attend: Paediatric OTs and PTs who provide assessment and intervention to young children with unilateral cerebral palsy.

Cost: AUD \$720 (AUD \$792 inclusive of GST for Australian participants). Please note that we require payment in Australian dollars.

How do I register?: Please completed the attached registration form and return to sue.greaves1@outlook.com

Limited places available and cancellation conditions apply