

Welcome to the AHA-course!

Date: 10th Dec – 12th Dec 2018

Place: Metropol Hietaniemi, Arabia lecture hall

Hietaniemenkatu 14, 00100 Helsinki, Finland

Course language: English

Course fee: 770 euros.

The course fee includes the AHA 5.0 manual and the electronic version of the new score form as well as breakfast, coffee and lunch.

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What is the Assisting Hand Assessment?

Assisting Hand Assessment (AHA) is a hand function evaluation tool, which measures and describes how children with an upper limb disability in one hand use their affected hand (assisting hand) collaboratively with the non-affected hand in bimanual play. The test is developed for children with hemiplegic Cerebral Palsy or sequale from Obstetric Brachial Plexus Palsy (OBPP). The AHA can be used with children as young as 18 months and up to 12 years of age.

The AHA has the unique perspective of assessing how the child uses their two hands together in a fun and engaging situation where using two hands is natural. Assessment is based on the child's spontaneous and normal handling of objects.

The course includes an introduction to the AHA 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.

Course information:

The course lasts 2.5 days, and it is designed for physiotherapists and occupational therapists. After the course participant are expected to complete their own evaluations to which the course leaders provide individual feedback. The successful completion of these tasks necessitates acquiring applicable toys and items, for which further instructions will be given on the course.

More information:

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Registration:

Please register by 26th October 2018 via email to sari.marjala@hus.fi. Please notify the organizers of special diets upon registration.

There is a maximum attendance of 25 participants. The Finnish Hand Therapy Society has the right to cancel the course if there are not enough participants (15 minimum). In that case the course fee will be returned to the participant.

Lecturer:

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