Adaptive Switches and Control Devices

November 21, 2015

PRESENTER

Steven Shores, MOT, OTR/L, is an Assistive Technology Specialist at the Children’s Therapy Unit at Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup, Washington. He functions exclusively as a consultant and resource to other therapists at the Children’s Therapy Unit as well as Mary Bridge Children’s Health Center. His job responsibilities involve evaluation, consultation and equipment design/adaptation/fabrication relating to adaptive equipment and assistive technology.

In addition to the numerous workshops Steve provides locally each year, he has presented at many workshops throughout the United States including the International Seating Symposium, Closing the Gap, the Pacific Northwest Technology Conference, the International Seating Symposium and regional conferences in Alaska, Arizona, California, Mississippi, Washington, Wisconsin, and even China.

Testimonials

“Steve is knowledgeable has a great, patient method of teaching this course. Having enough tools and enough time is key to a great course! Thank you! The most enjoyable 10 credits in a long time!”

“This is an area not covered in school. The slides were very helpful in helping my imagination. Great course!! Wonderfully organized and projects were very straightforward. Fantastic instructor. Thoroughly enjoyed the course. Workshop instructor made this a truly enjoyable course.”

Good Samaritan Children's Therapy Unit

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**
This practical workshop examines through demonstration, discussion, slide presentation and actual participant construction, the educational, therapeutic, mechanical and electrical principles necessary for the construction and use of adaptive switches and devices.

The course concentrates on the terminology, setup of equipment, and therapeutic applications necessary for the successful use of commercial and custom made devices as well as the mechanical/ electrical principles and construction skills necessary for the custom fabrication of a variety of adaptive switches and devices. Participants will actually construct a variety of projects of their choice. Good visual acuity and fine motor skills comparable to those required for "arts/ crafts" work will be required of each participant.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**
- To familiarize the participant with the various types and uses of adaptive switches and devices that are either commercially available or that can be easily made.
- To present the basic principles and terminology associated with the use of adaptive switches.
- To discuss the various educational, therapeutic and habilitative domains in which adaptive switches can provide effective strategies to meet various goals and objectives.
- To discuss the therapeutic principles of position, presentation and perception that are critical for the successful use of adaptive switches and control devices.
- To present the electrical and mechanical principles needed for the construction and safe use of adaptive switches and control devices.
- To assist the participant in the actual construction of a variety of adaptive switches and control devices.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Where:** Children’s Therapy Unit
402 15th Ave SE, Suite 100
Puyallup, WA 98372

**When:** Saturday November 21, 2015
8:00am-5:00

**Cost:** $195 (includes most materials) per person

**Credit:** 8 Education Clock hours (.8 CEUs)

**Intended audience:** This course is for all therapists, teachers, aides, parents and volunteers working with children or adults having adaptive equipment needs.

**Participant Preparation:** Upon registering, a printed list of 16 possible project options and materials required will be sent to each participant. Each participant is then required to choose 4 to 5 projects and then acquire minimal consumable materials prior to the workshop. All tools and most consumable materials will be provided by the instructor.

**Contact:** Normajean Friend
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**Cancellation/Refunds:** Full refund of the course registration fee, less $25 administration fee, will be granted upon receipt of written request post marked 14 days prior to date of class. We reserve the right to cancel any course due to insufficient registration or extenuating circumstances. Please do not make non-refundable travel arrangements until you have called us and received confirmation that the course will be held. We are not responsible for any expenses incurred by participants if the course must be cancelled.

**REGISTRATION**

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  - $195

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Good Samaritan Children’s Therapy Unit
Attn: CTU Education Secretary
402–15th Ave SE, Suite 100 - Puyallup, WA 98372
or fax to: 253.697.5145

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