AMPS Online Course Overview

Course purpose

The aim of this course is to train you to administer the AMPS in a reliable and valid manner and successfully complete your AMPS certification.

Materials needed

You will need easy access to the following materials during **every** module of the course:

- AMPS Manual, Volumes 1 and 2 (included in the course cost)
- Highlighter
- Pen or pencil
- Sticky notes or page markers to denote specific sections of manual
- Blank paper for note-taking
- AMPS Score Forms (free to download)

Course format

This certification course consists of an online portion and the rater calibration process. During the online portion, you will be asked to complete readings in preparation for viewing video lessons. During several of the video lessons, you will need to use your AMPS manual to score video cases and submit your scores online for feedback. You will receive immediate, detailed, and individualized feedback and suggestions to help you improve your scoring.

When you are finished with the online portion, you will begin the AMPS rater calibration process. To do this, you will administer the AMPS to 10 people and then submit your scores for analysis. You will again get detailed, individualized feedback within 1-2 weeks of submitting your data. You become a certified AMPS rater once you have shown you score the AMPS in a reliable and valid manner. Once you are a certified AMPS rater, you are able to generate an unlimited number of computer-generate reports for the people that you test using the AMPS.

During the online portion of the course, we will provide you with explicit instructions and helpful hints on how to successfully complete the rater calibration process. You also will continue to have access to the online portion of the course during the rater calibration process. You may wish to return to online learning modules and resources as you complete the rater calibration process.

Please note, the video lessons do not replace careful reading of the AMPS manual.

Course length and contact hours

This AMPS certification course consists of online lessons, testing 10 people using the AMPS after the online portion of the course, and submitting data needed to complete the rater calibration process. You have 3 months from the date you first sign in to your AMPS online course to complete the online lessons, test 10 people, and submit your data for analysis.

You will earn 45 contact hours for this course.

Support

If you have questions during any portion of this course, you have access to a Frequently Asked Questions webpage and an integrated messaging system so that you can ask questions of the AMPS faculty. General or technical questions can be sent to info@innovativeotsolutions.com.

Our support team typically responds within 24 hours during business days. Please note that the Center for Innovative OT Solutions is based in the United States and is open from 8:00am–4:00pm, Mountain Time (UTC/GMT -7 hours).

Learning module information and required readings

For your planning purposes, we provide a list of estimated completion times for each section of the course in the table on the next page. Additionally, we list the required readings that accompany the learning module or lesson.

Before each learning module, be sure you have completed the required reading in the list below. ***Careful reading of the AMPS manual is essential to your success***.

Course Outline

Module	Title	Time	Required Reading (in advance)
Module 1	**Introduction to the AMPS**	7 minutes	
Module 2	**Introduction to AMPS Administration**	5 minutes	• **Volume 1:** Read Chapters 1, 2 and 3
Module 3*	**Scoring the AMPS Items**	6.5 hours total for Module 3 (includes all lessons below)	• **Volume 1:** Read Chapter 8 • **Volume 1:** Review Section 2.6 • **Volume 2:** Become familiar with the organization of this manual
Lesson 3.1A	*Introduction to Scoring*	12 minutes	
Lesson 3.1B	*Interacting with the AMPS Item Lessons*	5 minutes	
Lesson 3.2	*Body Position*	35 minutes	
Lesson 3.3	*Obtaining and Holding Objects*	45 minutes	
Lesson 3.4	*Moving Self and Objects*	45 minutes	
Lesson 3.5	*Sustaining Performance*	35 minutes	
Lesson 3.6	*Applying Knowledge*	40 minutes	
Lesson 3.7	*Temporal Organization*	45 minutes	
Lesson 3.8	*Organizing Space and Objects*	45 minutes	
Lesson 3.9A	*Introduction to the Adapting Performance Skills*	15 minutes	
Lesson 3.9B	*Adapting Performance*	45 minutes	
Module 4	**Bill: Case Scoring**	1.75 hours	• **Volume 1:** Read Chapter 7 • **Volume 1:** Review Section 8.1 through 8.3 • **Volume 2:** Read Chapters 5, 6, 7

Module 5**	**How to Improve Your Scoring**	15 minutes	• **Volume 1:** Review Section 8.4.1 • **Handout:** Online Course Files "How to review your scores"
Module 6	**Kate: Case Scoring**	1.5 hours	• **Volume 1:** Read Sections 10.4 through 10.9 • **Volume 1:** Review Section 7.3
Module 7	**Penny: Case Scoring**	2 hours	• **Volume 1:** Review Sections 7.3 and 8.4.5
Module 8	**Preliminary Scoring Trends**	10 minutes	
Module 9	**Dieter: AMPS Administration Process**	2.5 hours	• **Volume 1:** Read Chapters 4, 5, and 6 • **Volume 1 (after scoring Dieter):** Read Sections 9.1.1 & 9.1.2; 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3; and Chapter 11
Module 10	**Nicholas: Case Scoring**	1.5 hours	• **Volume 1:** Review Section 8.4.7
Module 11	**Colleen: Case Scoring**	1.5 hours	
Module 12	**Final Scoring Trends**	10 minutes	
Module 13	**Setting up the Environment**	10 minutes	• **Volume 1:** Review Sections 6.9, and 7.1
Module 14	**Final Thoughts**	10 minutes	• **Volume 1:** Skim Chapters 12 through 15 to become familiar with scope of information available • **Handout:** Online Course Files "Helpful hints for calibration"
Rater Calibration Process	Complete within 3 months of course registration date **Handouts:** Online Course Files (See the Rater Calibration & Guidelines and Software Information folders)		

* If at any time during this course you encounter challenges scoring certain AMPS items, you may want to return to the relevant lesson in this module and review how to score the item.

** This lesson covers scoring feedback. Depending on the feedback you receive, you may wish to return to this lesson later in the course.