

# Developmental Coordination Disorder



Evidence-based Assessment and Interventions

Plus Introduction to CO-OP Approach

with Patti Sharp, OTD, OTR/L, BCP | CO-OP Certified Instructor

October 27, 2025, 8:30 am–3:30 pm Eastern Time

Live Online via Zoom

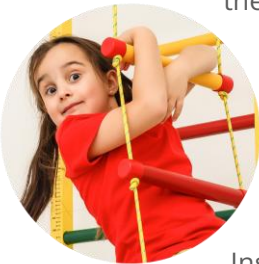
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*Elevate your therapy practice!*

Is it difficult for your pediatric clients to learn basic motor skills despite having no known diagnosis? Can they learn motor skills with you, but cannot apply the skills in the real world? Learn to

identify children with probable Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD), and provide them with proven therapy interventions!



Patti, a Certified CO-OP Instructor, will start this workshop

by teaching you how to use the right assessment tools to satisfy the 4 Criteria set by the DSM-5 for a diagnosis of DCD. She will then discuss important research on various interventions for DCD, so you can use what works, and avoid what do not! Patti will provide you with an introduction to the Cognitive Orientation to daily Occupational Performance (CO-OP) Approach, with a focus on the global strategy of Goal-Plan-Do-Check, the Dynamic Performance Analysis, and Guided Discovery. You will immerse yourself in Patti's treatment sessions via case studies and videos, as she demonstrates 6 evidence-based strategies that you can incorporate into your interventions right away...whether you work in a school, at home, or in a clinic.

Finally, you will learn decision-making algorithms that Patti uses to differentiate DCD from co-morbid or similar conditions...such as sensory processing difficulties (SPD), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and Autism Spectrum. She will utilize multiple case studies to demonstrate her clinical reasoning process, as the right diagnosis is critical to children's success!

You will leave the course with practical tools and strategies that you can use the very next day you return to work!

**Audience:** OTs, OTAs, PTs, PTAs and Educators

**Educational Level:** Intermediate

## Learning Objectives

At the completion of this course, attendees will be able to:

1. Identify 2 common signs and symptoms of children with possible Developmental Coordination Disorder
2. Determine 2 recommended screening and assessment tools for children with possible DCD
3. Determine a strategy to differentiate DCD from another pediatric condition that is commonly confused with DCD
4. Select 2 task-based interventions that have been shown to be effective in helping children with DCD perform ADLs, play and leisure or other meaningful activity
5. Determine the application of 3 strategies on a given case study of a child with DCD who is learning a skill in the areas of ADL, play or education

## Your Mentor

**Patti Sharp, OTD, MS, OTR/L** is a certified Instructor of the CO-OP Approach, and she works full-time at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC). She co-leads the Developmental Coordination Disorder Community of Practice at CCHMC. Patti is excited to share her passion for evidence-based practices with her therapy colleagues.

Disclosures: Patti receives speaking fees from Apply EBP, LLC. She has no relevant nonfinancial relationships to disclose.

## Registration

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## Agenda

- 8:30 am What is Developmental Coordination Disorder (lecture)
- 9:00 am Identifying DCD (lecture, case study)
- DSM-5 Criteria of DCD
  - Screening and Assessment Tools for DCD
- 9:30 am Evidence on Interventions for Children with DCD (lecture)
- Top-down vs. Bottom-up Interventions
- 10:00 am Break
- 10:15 am Introduction to the Cognitive Orientation to daily Occupational Performance (CO-OP) Approach (lecture, video case vignettes)
- Key Features: GPDC as a Global Strategy
  - Dynamic Performance Analysis
  - Guided Discovery
- 11:45 pm Lunch (on your own)
- 12:15 pm 6 Strategies to Incorporate in Your Interventions Right Away (lecture, video case vignettes)
- Fine Motor and Gross Motor Tasks
- 1:45 pm Break
- 2:00 pm Differential Diagnosis Algorithms (lecture, case studies)
- ADHD
  - Sensory Processing Difficulty
  - Autism Spectrum
- 3:00 pm Case Study Application (case study, discussions)
- 3:30 pm Adjourn

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