Glossary of Acronyms

These are commonly used by professionals working with children with autism spectrum disorders and will be used throughout our course.

AAC	Augmentative and Alternative Communication
ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis
ABC	Autism Behavior Checklist
ABC's	Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
Adaptive PE	Adaptive Physical Education
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADI-R	Autism Diagnostic Interview Revised
ADOS-G	Autism Diagnostic Observation Scale-Generic
AS	Asperger Syndrome
ASA	Autism Society of America
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorders
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
CAI	Computer-assisted instruction
CARS	Childhood Autism Rating Scale
CDC	Center for Disease Control
CHAT	Checklist for Autism in Toddlers
DAP	Developmentally appropriate practices
DD	Developmental Disability
DTT	Discrete Trial Training
DSM-IV	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, Fourth Edition
DTT	Discrete Trial Training
DVD	Developmental Verbal Dyspraxia
FAPE	Free and Appropriate Education
FBA	Functional Behavioral Assessment
FC	Facilitated Communication
GARS	Gilliam Autism Rating Scale
GF or g/f	Gluten Free
HFA	High-functioning Autism
ID	Intellectual Disability (formerly referred to as mental retardation)
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
IDEIA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act
IEP	Individualized Educational Plan
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IJA	Initiating joint attention
JARS	Joint action routines

LD   Learning Disability
LFA   Low-functioning Autism
LRE   Least Restrictive Environment
NCLB   No Child Left Behind
ICHCY   National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities
NOS   Not Otherwise Specified
NRC   National Research Council
OCD   Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
ODD   Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OT   Occupational Therapy or Occupational Therapist
PD   Postural Disorder
PDD   Pervasive Development Disorder
PDD-NOS or PDD/NOS   Pervasive Development Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified
PECS   Picture Exchange Communication System
PEP-R   Psycho-Educational Profile-Revised
PMI   Peer-Mediated Intervention
PRT   Pivotal Response Training
PT   Physical Therapy
RJA   Response to Joint Attention
SES   Socioeconomic Status
SCERTS   Social Communication Emotional Regulation Transactional Supports
SI   Sensory Integration
SIB   Self-Injurious Behavior
SIT   Sensory Integration Therapy
SLP   Speech-Language Pathologist
SPD   Sensory Processing Disorder
SMD   Sensory Modulation Disorder
SBMD   Sensory-Based Motor Disorders
SPS   Social Problem Solving
SSRI   Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor
STAR   Strategies for Teaching based on Autism Research
TEACCH   Treatment and Education of Autistic and Related Communication Handicapped Children
VB   Verbal Behavior
VSM   Video Self-Modeling