

PECS Basic Training
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Irvine, California

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Cost: **\$395 professionals/\$295 parents**
Workshop Hours: **8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

The PECS Basic Training is appropriate for any parent or professional working with learners with autism, related disabilities and/or limited communication skills. This two-day training begins with an overview of the Pyramid Approach to Education. This includes factors related to establishing an effective learning/communicative environment. Specific topics include functional activities, powerful reinforcers, functional communication, identification and replacement of Contextually Inappropriate Behaviors, generalization, lesson formats, teaching strategies, error correction and data collection/analysis.

The training then goes on to describe the six phases of the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) protocol. PECS begins by teaching an individual to request desired items, by exchanging a picture with a communication partner. The system goes on to teach discrimination of pictures and sentence structure. In the more advanced phases, individuals are taught to use attributes, answer questions and comment. PECS is an evidence-based strategy, with supportive research from countries around the world.

Please visit our website at www.pecs.com for more information. Online registration is available. Alternately, you may register via phone at 888-732-7462. The office accepts checks and purchase orders through the mail. In addition purchase orders may be faxed to the office at (302) 368-2516. Payment must be submitted with a registration form, which can be downloaded at www.pecs.com.

Group discounts are also available! Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions via phone (302-368-2515) or email (ahunter@pecs.com). I look forward to hearing from you!

If it's not PECS...it's just pictures!