



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Theoretical constructs in AAC 811 (AAK 811)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	45.00
NQF Level	09
Programmes	MA Augmentative and Alternative Communication (Coursework)
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 other contact sessions per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Centre for Augmentative and Alternative Communicat
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Theories of communication, information processing, language development and literacy acquisition are dealt with as related to persons in need of or using augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). The role of AAC within a bioecological, social constructivist view of disability is explored. Current research issues in the field are explored in relation to different contexts and different populations. At the end of this module the student must be able to:

- discuss the influence of AAC on communication, information processing, language development and literacy acquisition in relation to specific cases;
- Identify and review current research focus areas in the field

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