

**PIVOTAL RESPONSE TREATMENT CERTIFICATION LEVEL IV:
ADVANCED IMPLEMENTOR
Initiations Training**

Prerequisite: Level III PRT Certification

Objective: The objective of the Level IV: Initiations program is to introduce participants to the PRT procedures for teaching self-initiations. This program aims to demonstrate participant ability to teach initiated *verbal queries* and *comments* with fidelity to three children with ASD.

Program Overview:

Registration:

Participants complete and submit the Level IV Registration Form by email. The \$600.00 USD fee can be paid online or by mailing a check to the address on the registration form.

Baseline Video Probe:

Participants collect and submit a 15-minute baseline video probe of themselves attempting to teach verbal queries and comments to 1 child with ASD using PRT procedures.

Training Materials:

Training materials are sent to the participant by email or mail, including a training manual, research articles, and access to an online video training module. Participants work through the materials at their own pace and then videotape their implementation of the procedures with 3 children with ASD.

Fidelity Scoring:

Participants submit three 10-minute video probes through a file-sharing program or by mail. Once videos have been scored, participants receive a Score and Feedback Report on their fidelity of implementation. Participants who meet fidelity will receive a formal certificate of completion and certification in PRT at Level IV. If fidelity *is not* achieved on one or more video probes, the participant has an opportunity to apply the feedback and submit additional video probes to be assessed for fidelity of implementation.

Registration Instructions:

To **register** for the Level IV PRT Training and Certification Program:

(A) Complete and submit the Registration Form: The registration form is available [here](#). Please send your completed form to prtautismcertification@gmail.com.

(B) Payment: The \$600.00 USD fee includes the materials outlined above, fidelity assessment, written feedback, and a formal certificate of completion. Please note: If fidelity of implementation is not met after three separate attempts to submit qualifying video probes, participants must pay an additional fee for further scoring and feedback. Payment can be made *online* with a credit card or PayPal account or by sending a *check* through mail. To make a secure payment online, please visit our [website](#) and scroll down to “Level IV: Advanced Implementor in Initiations.” Currently, there is no additional fee for international participants, as materials are being distributed electronically due to COVID-19 concerns.

(C) Baseline Video Probe: Once we receive your completed registration form and payment, you will receive an email with the consent forms and instructions needed to complete a baseline video probe. You will then collect and submit a videotape of yourself interacting with a child with ASD and attempting to implement the PRT strategies for teaching initiations. The baseline video should:

- Run for 15 *consecutive* minutes; do not pause the video for any reason.
- Demonstrate your attempt to teach and facilitate verbal query initiations (i.e., “What is it/What’s that?” and “Where is it/Where’s ___?”) with 1 child with ASD.
- Show at least 1 activity; feel free to do a variety of activities during the 15-minute probe.

Please send your baseline video probe through an online file-sharing program (e.g., Dropbox, Google Drive) or by saving the video to a CD/DVD or USB storage device (e.g., flash drive) and mailing it to the address listed on the registration form. Once we receive your baseline video, you will receive an email with the electronic materials and instructions for completing the Level IV Initiations program.

Training Module:

Participants work through the Level IV Initiations certification materials independently at their own pace. After reviewing the training materials, participants **videotape** themselves implementing the PRT procedures for teaching initiations outlined in the manual, articles, and video training module. Video probes must be taken: (1) for 10 consecutive minutes, (2) with 3 children with ASD, (3) across 3 different activities. More detailed instructions related to the collection and submission of video probes will be provided in the Level IV package instructions.

Once the 3 post-training video probes are received, they will be assessed for fidelity of implementation. Within 2-4 weeks, you will receive a Score and Feedback Report, outlining your fidelity assessment scores and providing you with written feedback on your implementation of PRT procedures across each video probe. If fidelity *is* achieved on all three 10-minute video probes, you will be certified as a Level IV Advanced Implementor of Initiations. If you do *not* meet fidelity of implementation on one or more of the video probes, you will have an opportunity to implement feedback from the Score and Feedback Report and submit additional video probes demonstrating your acquisition of PRT initiation intervention skills.

Please feel free to contact the PRT Certification Project Coordinator, Lizzie Ponder, M.A., BCBA at lizzie@koegelautism.com or (408) 206-1577 if you have any questions. Thank you for your interest in PRT and the Level IV Remote Training and Certification Program!

Sincerely,



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