

**PIVOTAL RESPONSE TREATMENT CERTIFICATION LEVEL IV:
ADVANCED IMPLEMENTER
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, and help participants learn to implement procedures with fidelity when teaching verbal queries and comments to three children with ASD.

Program Overview:

Registration:

Participants complete and submit the Level IV Registration Form online. The \$600.00 USD fee can be paid by PayPal, wire transfer, or check.

Training Materials:

Once payment is received, training materials are sent by email, including: (1) *Teaching the Pivotal Behavior of Initiations to Children with Autism*, (2) a book chapter on child-initiated interactions, (3) four journal articles, (4) access to a video training module, and (5) fidelity assessment forms for each target behavior. Participants work through the materials at their own pace and then record videos of their implementation of the procedures with 3 children with ASD.

Fidelity Scoring:

Participants submit three 10-minute video probes through email or a file transfer program. 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 as a Level IV Advanced Implementer of Initiations and become eligible to enroll in another Level IV program or the Level V program. If fidelity *is not* achieved on one or more video probes, the participant has an opportunity to apply feedback and submit additional video probes to be assessed.

Registration Instructions:

To **enroll** in the Level IV: Initiations PRT Training and Certification Program:

(A) Registration: Click [here](#) and scroll down to complete the Certification Program Registration form.

(B) Payment: The \$600.00 USD fee includes the materials outlined above, fidelity assessment, written feedback, and a formal certificate of completion. To make a secure payment online, please visit our [website](#) and scroll down to “Level IV: Advanced Implementer in Initiations.” Currently, there is no additional fee for international participants, as materials are being distributed electronically. 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.

Training Module and Video Probes:

After reviewing the training materials, participants record videos of themselves implementing the PRT procedures for teaching initiations. Post-training videos will take place with 3 children with ASD. Altogether, three 10-minute video probes must be taken across three different activities (e.g., snack, playground, playing with toys). Participants will have the option to submit one video for feedback before

collecting and submitting the last two video probes. More detailed instructions related to the collection and submission of video probes will be provided in the Level IV: Initiations package instructions.

Within 2-4 weeks of submitting the final video probes, participants will receive a Score and Feedback Report, outlining their fidelity assessment scores and providing written feedback on their implementation of PRT across each video clip. If fidelity *is* achieved on all three 10-minute video probes, the participant will be certified as a Level IV Advanced Implementer of Initiations. If they do *not* meet fidelity of implementation, they will have an opportunity to implement feedback from the Score and Feedback Report and submit additional video probes demonstrating acquisition of PRT intervention skills.

For any questions about the Level IV program, please contact our PRT Certification Project Coordinator, Lizzie Ponder, M.A., BCBA at lizzie@koegelautism.com.