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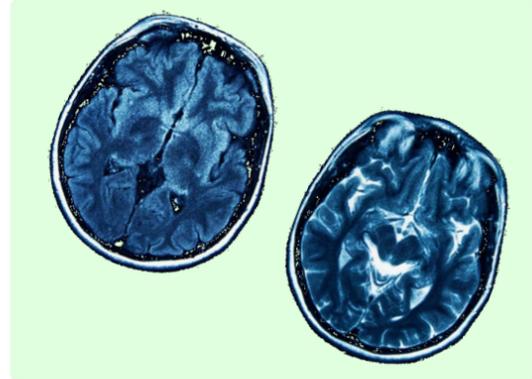
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# Training and Consultancy

## What is Functional Cognition?

Functional Cognition describes the core construct used to identify the link between brain function and task behaviour. It emphasises the complex, dynamic interactions occurring between an individual's cognitive abilities and their context.



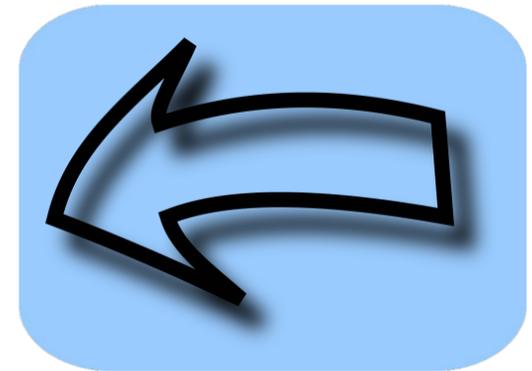
## Clinical Application

At The Do Network, our trainers are experts in the clinical use of the Allen Cognitive Disabilities Model. They equip practitioners with the skills to assess the functional performance of their clients and devise 'best fit' strategies to maximise the client's unique abilities and aspirations.



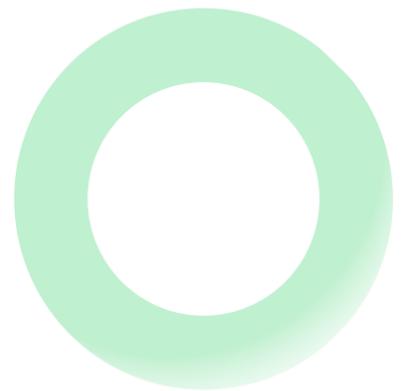
## Targeted Training

Our targeted training ensures that Occupational Therapists, Psychologists and Social Workers are able to apply their learning in the workplace. Training content is paced to suit individual styles. Learners will feel confident using the assessment tools and resources.



## Performance Enhancing

The emphasis on 'ability' applies not only to clients. A client-centred approach enables the best ability of practitioners to understand the clinical framework and their treatment goals. The organisational investment in our workshops translates into real benefits for all stakeholders.



## Two-day Introductory Workshop Outline:

### Theory

- A brief description and history of the Cognitive Disabilities Model (CDM)
- Why cognition matters to occupational function
- Definitions of cognition in the CDM
- Theoretical foundations
- The Allen Levels and Modes (ACL)

### Allen Cognitive Level Screening (ALCS & LACLS) Tool

- The construct being measured: its purpose, limitations, intended use and intended populations
- Who may administer, score and interpret scores
- Published research and the evidence base, including reliability and validity evidence
- Set-up, administration, and scoring
- Interpreting the results

### An introduction to the Allen Diagnostic Manual (ADM)

- Why use an ADM?
- Validity and reliability
- Practical session to set up a sample ADM

### Clinical applications

- Analysis of IADL tasks using Cognitive Disability Theory
- Functional Cognition and Behaviour

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# *The Do Network training offers flexible delivery options:*



## ❖ Customised Workshops

Up-skill your staff, team or organisation with effective interventions that place clients first. Our workshops are tailored to bring you the very latest theory and practice of Functional Cognition in a format to suit each learner's specific needs and level of experience.

## ❖ On-site Delivery

We present our workshops to small or large groups and can come to your workplace or a suitable venue near you. We use a variety of the latest presentation tools and encourage participant interaction.

## ❖ Online Delivery

We are seeing an increasing demand for our online workshops. This format allows for a class to join from many locations at once. Our trainers give specialised attention to group members in the use of the ACLS and LACLS tools.

## ❖ Individual Training

The content, timing, and interactions can be tailored to meet the needs and abilities of individual learners. We also offer distance supervision if you have attended a recent workshop. This will help you to adapt your new skills to clinical practice.

## ❖ Community Engagement

The Do Network offers short presentations to volunteer organisations, including groups of caregivers. These informal sessions help to spread the word about Functional Cognition and broaden perceptions about human 'ability'.



## How to access training

For scheduled training dates and expression of interest go to:

<https://www.thedonetwork.com.au/>

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