



**Speaker: Kristie Gatto,
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Kristie Gatto, MA, CCC-SLP, COM® received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Houston in Houston, Texas. In 2004, Ms. Gatto became the co-owner of a private practice in Northwest Houston and began her journey in treating children with pediatric feeding disorders. After years of searching for answers in traditional feeding approaches, she underwent training in the field of Orofacial Myology and became the first certified orofacial myologist in the city of Houston in 2011. Ms. Gatto is currently the owner of The Speech and Language Connection, which has two offices in the greater Houston area and employs 24 speech-language pathologists with various specialties.

Ms. Gatto is a member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), International Association of Orofacial Myology (IAOM), and American Academy of Private Practice in Speech Pathology & Audiology (AAPPSPA), Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association (TSHA), and Houston Association for Communication Disorders (HACD). Additionally, she serves on the board of directors AAPPSPA and is the current President of the IAOM.

Course Description

This course provides the participant with a comprehensive understanding of the foundations in orofacial myology. Parameters include developmental anatomy/physiology, dental, speech, medical etiologies, diagnostics, treatment planning, habit elimination, ethical scope of practice considerations and the didactic interaction of the orofacial complex from birth.

This program is offered for 2.8 CEUs
(Introductory level, Professional area)



2019 Course Dates:

Columbus, OH – January 29-February 1, 2019
Vacaville, CA – March 25-28, 2019
Houston, TX – May 15-18, 2019
Houston, TX – October 9-12, 2019
Las Vegas, NV – November 5-8, 2019

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A 4-day, 28-hour (2.8)
Pre-Certification course in
Orofacial Myology

Registration information:

To register, please go to:

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Registration Fee: \$2300 USD

Includes:

Understanding the Orofacial Complex: Text

Muscle Manual

Handouts and sample forms

Treatment supplies



Kristie is an amazing teacher who takes her time to present the information in a very concise but simple way to understand. She is open to questions and really is attune to the student's needs and levels of learning.

Wendy Agero, MS, CCC-SLP

Day 1

- IAOM History and Background
- Certification Information
- Scope of Practice and Ethical considerations
- Embryology and Facial Development
- Hard and soft tissues of the Orofacial Complex
- Dentition

Day 2

- Physiology of the Swallow
- Anomalies of the craniofacial structures
- Comprehensive Case History
- Comprehensive Assessment
- Photography in assessment

Day 3

- Treatment Hierarchies
- Photography in treatment
- Universal Precautions
- Comprehensive Assessment
- Evaluation Summary (Q&A)
- Non-nutritive sucking habits

Day 4

- Application of the Hierarchy
- Therapeutic exercises
- Habituation
- Speech Patterns
- Documentation
- Business Management

Please check www.orofacialcomplex.com for specific details of courses for various locations

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Non-Financial disclosures: Ms. Gatto is the President of the IAOM and on the Board of directors for AAPPSA.