



Certification Policy

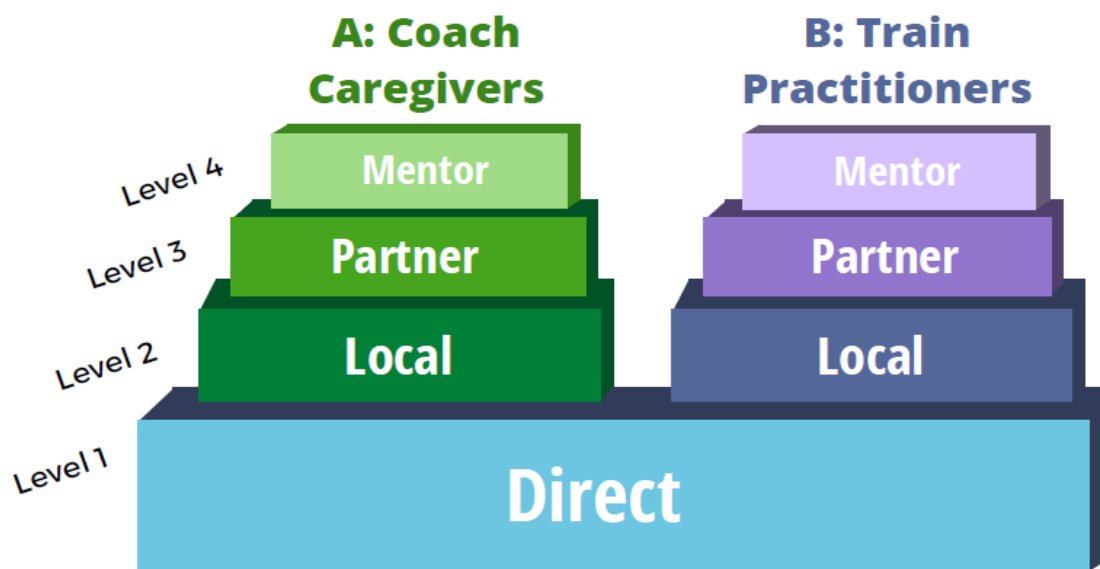
The purpose of this document is to clarify the roles and guidelines of the JASPER Courses and Certifications. We require therapists to earn certification before providing JASPER sessions or advertising themselves as JASPER therapists. Our goal is not to limit the use of our program or materials, but rather to ensure that all JASPER therapists and trainers are equipped to support children with a variety of backgrounds, skills, and challenges using JASPER strategies.

The JASPER training program offers four levels of certification:

- Level 1 Certified Direct Provider
- Level 2 Certified Local Provider
- Level 3 Certified Partner
- Level 4 Certified Mentor

All trainers start out as Direct Providers, working 1:1 with children. From there, therapists can pursue additional certification coaching caregivers (Track A) or training other practitioners (Track B). The details for completing each level of training can be found on our website:

<https://www.jaspertraining.org/learn-jasper> and the expectations of each role are outlined below.



Educational Courses



There are a variety of JASPER Educational courses available for those who wish to learn about the JASPER Method, such as lectures, workshops, Teachable Courses, and research participation. JASPER Educational Courses do not certify therapists; thus, individuals at this level may not deliver JASPER service to children.

Level 1A Seminar Certification of Attendance

Those who complete the Level 1A Seminar will receive a certificate of attendance. This is the first step of the JASPER training program and demonstrates that you have acquired knowledge about the background, research, and core domains of JASPER. Those who wish to practice JASPER must continue Level 1B-C training.

Permitted	Prohibited
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Apply knowledge of JASPER Core Domains (e.g., play levels, engagement states, joint attention skills) to current practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ Provide JASPER service to children✗ Train others✗ Distribute UCLA materials

Level 1B JASPER Training Workshop Certification of Participation

Those who complete the week-long JASPER training workshop will receive a certification of participation and may state that they are using strategies informed by JASPER. This is the second step of the JASPER program and demonstrates that you have received live coaching and instruction. Those who wish to practice JASPER must complete the Level C training and pass fidelity rating.

Permitted	Prohibited
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ May state that you use strategies informed by JASPER✓ May provide JASPER sessions with supervision from JASPER trainers as part of earning fidelity certification (with caregiver consent)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✗ Provide JASPER service to children unsupervised✗ Train others✗ Distribute UCLA materials

JASPER Certified Providers

Only those who have reached Level 1 Certification (and beyond) may claim to be “JASPER Certified.” The details and certification policies for each are detailed below.

Level 1 Certification: Direct Service Practitioner

Those who have completed the Level 1 Training Parts A-C will receive a Level 1 Certification to be a *JASPER Direct Service Practitioner for Children*. They may provide JASPER intervention sessions directly with children through one-on-one intervention.

This role includes the following:

- Assess child’s skills using the SPACE assessment
- Set targets in accordance with the guidelines outlined in training curriculum
- Provide necessary supports to aid communication (e.g., AAC) and engagement (e.g., visual supports)
- Tailor strategies to the child’s needs
- Monitor the child’s progress and update targets accordingly
- Continue JASPER education through peer support networks and review courses
- Maintain annual fidelity checks

Permitted	Prohibited
✓ Provide JASPER sessions, one-on-one with children	✗ Train others ✗ Distribute UCLA materials

Level 2A Certification: Local Provider for Caregivers

Those who have completed the Level 2A Training will receive a certification to be a *JASPER Local Provider for Caregivers*. This means that they are qualified to train caregivers to implement JASPER directly with the child in their care.

This role includes the following:

- Provide 1:1 coaching individualized to the caregiver and child
- Help caregivers understand the child’s targets and goals
- Share handouts and materials provided by UCLA for distribution
- Introduce strategies clearly and systematically as outlined in the JASPER caregiver curriculum
- Coach and support caregivers as they caregiver practice strategies with the child
- Provide feedback on implementation, answer questions, and troubleshoot challenges
- Monitor the child’s progress and update targets accordingly

Permitted	Prohibited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provide JASPER sessions, one-on-one with children ✓ Train caregivers within your community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Train practitioners to coach caregivers ✗ Train other practitioners to implement JASPER ✗ Conduct international training ✗ Distribute UCLA materials

Level 2B Certification: Local Provider for Practitioners

Those who have completed the Level 2B Training will receive a certification to be a *JASPER Local Provider for Practitioners*. This means that they are qualified to train and provide ongoing supervision to practitioners within their own agency.

This role includes the following:

- Train and supervise other staff members as they pursue Level 1 Certification
- Share handouts and materials provided by UCLA for distribution
- Coach and support staff members as they deliver the intervention
- Rate quality of implementation with JASPER fidelity scoring
- Provide regular updates to UCLA regarding progress of staff members
- Contact UCLA once therapists have received fidelity according to the guidelines on our website
- Send UCLA 3 fidelity videos and scoring sheets per trainee
- Request that UCLA provide certification when trainees pass fidelity

Permitted	Prohibited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provide JASPER sessions, one-on-one with children ✓ Train providers within their own agency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Train caregivers ✗ Train practitioners outside of their own agency ✗ Conduct international training ✗ Distribute UCLA materials (unless permitted by UCLA)

Level 3 Partner

Those who have completed the Level 3 training will receive a certification to be a *JASPER Partner* for **Caregivers** or **Practitioners**. JASPER Partners must work in close coordination with UCLA. Level 3A Partners may train other interventionists to coach caregivers. Level 3B Partners are qualified to train therapists *outside* of their own agency to reach Level 1 Certification.

This role includes the following:

- Host trainings with a UCLA therapist for groups up to 12 (6 trainees per therapist)
- Team with another JASPER trainer to support trainees reaching fidelity
- For 3B Partners for Practitioners:
 - o Share weekly supervision forms with UCLA, uploading to the training network
 - o Contact UCLA once therapists have received fidelity according to the guidelines on our website
- For 3A Caregiver Partners:
 - o Send UCLA 3 fidelity videos and scoring sheets rated at 90% or above per trainee
- Request that UCLA provide certification once trainees pass fidelity

Permitted	Prohibited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provide JASPER sessions, one-on-one with children ✓ Train providers within their own agency ✓ Level 3A Partners may train interventionists to coach caregivers. ✓ Level 3B Partners may train therapists <i>outside</i> of their own agency to reach Level 1 Certification. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Conduct international training (unless permitted by UCLA) ✗ Train practitioners to become Level 2-3 Trainers ✗ Distribute UCLA materials (unless permitted by UCLA)

Level 4 Mentor

Those who have completed the Level 4A or B Training will receive a certification to be a *JASPER Mentor*. JASPER Mentors contract through the JASPER Training Program at UCLA to train and provide supervision for all levels of JASPER trainers in the clinic, school, home, or community setting in which that person works.

Role:

- Contract through UCLA to host trainings and supervise trainers
- Team with another JASPER trainer to support trainees reaching fidelity
- Share weekly supervision forms with UCLA, uploading to the training network
- Request that UCLA provide certification once trainees pass fidelity

Permitted	Prohibited
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Train and provide supervision for all levels of JASPER trainers setting in which that person works. ✓ Provide international trainings (with permission and in coordination with UCLA) ✓ Provide JASPER sessions, one-on-one with children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Distribute UCLA materials (unless permitted by UCLA)

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is it necessary to become certified to use the JASPER method?

It is necessary to become certificated in order to state that you are a “JASPER Certified Clinician.” The strategies and guidelines of our approach require a lot of learning, practice, and experience with active coaching from others. It is not enough to read our manual and materials or attend our lectures and workshops. Those who are in the process of becoming certified may state that their approach is “informed by JASPER strategies.”

2. Can all JASPER therapists train and supervise others?

Levels 2-4 may begin teaching JASPER methods to others. Those with Level 1 certification may not in any way train, supervise, or certify others. The goal is not to restrict services but to ensure that JASPER therapists have enough experience to support children with a variety of backgrounds, skills, and challenges using JASPER strategies.

3. Can a JASPER Level 2-4 trainer certify those that he or she trains?

JASPER Level 2-4 Trainers are responsible for all aspects of the training process, including providing feedback and fidelity rating. Once a trainee has reached fidelity according to the guidelines on our website, the Level 2-4 Trainers must inform UCLA and request the Level 1 or Level 2 certificates.

4. A group or an individual has requested that I train them. Am I free to do so? What level of involvement must I have with UCLA?

Level 1 and 2a therapists can work with children directly or coach caregivers from their communities. No involvement with UCLA is necessary outside of annual fidelity checks unless questions arise.

Level 2B and 3A therapists must:

- Train therapists within their local agency
- Contact UCLA once the individual has reached fidelity according to the guidelines on our website
- Send UCLA 3 fidelity videos and scoring sheets rated at 90% or above per trainee
- Request that UCLA provide a certificate of fidelity

Level 3B and Level 4 therapists must:

- Contract through UCLA
- Team with another JASPER trainer to support trainees reaching fidelity
- Share weekly supervision forms with UCLA, uploading to the training network
- Request that UCLA provide a certificate

If you are unsure of your status and permissions, please contact us.

5. Can therapists share slides and materials they received from UCLA?

Some information is available; other information is not. Please abide by the directions you received in training.

- **Free use:** Many of our forms are publicly available online. You can find these at www.jasper-training.teachable.com and *The JASPER Model's* companion site: <https://www.guilford.com/companion-site/The-JASPER-Model-for-Children-with-Autism/9781462547562>
- **Personal use:** The materials that you receive as part of your own training are for your personal use alone. All JASPER materials are copyrighted, and therapists must sign confidentiality forms agreeing not to distribute this information. This is important for consistency as our materials change and improve.
- **Professional use:** Some information may be used by JASPER Certified Trainers for training purposes. These therapists have received permission from UCLA during training.

If you have questions, please contact us for more information.

6. Can I use JASPER alongside other interventions?

Those who are JASPER certified may use JASPER alongside other interventions. JASPER has been successfully added, blended, and sequenced in interventions (Kasari et al., 2006, 2014a, 2014b). Children need many different types of interventions, in combination, or in sequence. Try to use the best evidence available to create a comprehensive program for individual children (eclectic but informed—Kasari & Smith, 2013).

7. Can individuals host workshops and educational courses about JASPER?

In general, individuals should not charge professionals or community members to attend workshops and educational courses about JASPER independent of UCLA. We have introductory workshops available through the online education platform *Teachable*. You can contact us for more information or to request an exception.

8. Are there guidelines on how much JASPER therapists and trainers should charge?

The amount JASPER therapists charge may vary depending on their education, qualifications, and the local market. You may find comparable rates among similarly experienced licensed and certified speech pathologists, Board Certified Behavioral Analysts, occupational therapists, psychologists, and social workers.

9. How can I find other JASPER-certified therapists and trainers?

The JASPER training website lists every person who is certified as a JASPER practitioner, coach, partner, or mentor. <https://www.jaspertraining.org/certified-clinician> This list is kept up to date. If your name is missing from this list, please contact us. Or, if someone claims to be a JASPER-certified therapist and is not on this list, please contact us.

10. What resources are available to me as a trainer? Where can I find them?

- Website: www.jaspertraining.org
- Educational Resources: www.jasper-training.teachable.com
- Manual: [*The JASPER Model for Children with Autism: Promoting Joint Attention, Symbolic Play, Engagement, and Regulation*](#)
- Downloadable forms: <https://www.guilford.com/companion-site/The-JASPER-Model-for-Children-with-Autism/9781462547562>
- Private Facebook group for JASPER trainees and therapists, and trainers: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/jaspertraining>
- The JASPER curriculum is unpublished and only provided in training. Please contact UCLA for guidelines.

11. What is required to maintain certification?

Therapists must score 90% or higher on one 20-minute session submission at their highest level of certification each year (e.g., direct implementation, caregiver coaching, or clinician coaching). Those who do not achieve fidelity status right away may be asked to take a quick review course and/or submit additional videos for feedback. Those who chose not to move forward with maintaining fidelity will have their information removed from the list of JASPER Certified Trainers on JASPERtraining.org and will no longer be able to advertise JASPER as part of their clinical services. Those who would like to reinstate their certifications after a lapse in fidelity may do so by achieving scores of 90% or higher with three different children.

12. I received JASPER training but do not have a certificate. Can I provide direct service or train others?

Certificates of completion and annual fidelity checks are now required for all JASPER service providers. If you are a prior student of Dr. Kasari's, research participant, teacher, or caregiver, or have otherwise received training, please contact us. Level 1 Training or booster courses may also be required, depending on when you last practiced JASPER. Those who pass fidelity according to the guidelines of Level 1C training may continue practicing.

13. Who should I contact to pursue additional training?

Please contact us through the JASPER website: <https://www.jaspertraining.org/contact> or message Kristen Jaffe directly: kjaffe@mednet.ucla.edu

