



# PECS® Certification Program™

*Validate Knowledge & Demonstrate Competency*

The Picture Exchange Communication System® (PECS®) is an evidence-based practice that is supported by a large body of research from around the world. PECS is successfully implemented when the protocol is carefully followed. To assure high quality of PECS implementation, Pyramid Educational Consultants offers a PECS Certification Program.

The PECS Certification Program is designed so individuals can validate their PECS knowledge, skills, and practice in successfully implementing the PECS methodology. Individuals who successfully complete the levels of the program will obtain recognition as a Certified PECS Implementer™ or Certified PECS Manager™.

There are three (3) levels of PECS Certification, each building on the knowledge and skills gained from the previous level.

**PECS® Level 1 Certified Implementer™**

**PECS® Level 2 Certified Implementer™**

**PECS® Certified Manager™**

## ***PECS Certification is designed to:***

- Foster and maintain quality assurance of PECS implementation
- Enhance the effectiveness of PECS programs
- Publicly acknowledge skill sets that commensurate with each certification level
- Provide and assess the knowledge basis for appropriate PECS implementation
- Provide employers with a tool to identify skilled PECS implementers

## ***Who should become certified?***

A professional or parent working with children or adults who have autism, developmental disabilities, and/or limited communication, who has attended a PECS Training Workshop and who implements PECS.

People who are PECS Certified are not licensed PECS Trainers or Consultants. Certification is a voluntary credentialing process to assess and measure one's competence in the PECS teaching protocol.

*"Through the PECS Certification process, I was able to identify the errors I was making in my implementation of PECS, which was delaying the success I was having with my students. Completing the certification process enabled me to be a better teacher"*

*Teacher, Philadelphia, PA*

## PECS® Level 1 Certified Implementer™

### PECS Level 1 Knowledge Certificate.....\$25.00 USD

PECS Implementers will demonstrate basic knowledge of the PECS teaching protocol and the Pyramid Approach to Education® by completing an examination, achieving a score of 90% or greater. *Prerequisite: PECS Level 1 Training within 6 months of the application date. Valid for 2 years.*

### PECS Level 1 Practice Demonstration.....\$700.00 USD

PECS Implementers will demonstrate basic competency in implementing the PECS teaching protocol and the Pyramid Approach to Education. Requirements include demonstrating (live or via video) phases I through VI, including a basic attribute lesson. Written requirements include instructional plans and data sheets relating to the demonstration of implementation, a written description of how PECS is being implemented within two (2) functional activities, and a self-evaluation of all submitted demonstrations and written assignments. *Prerequisite: PECS Level 1 Knowledge Certificate. Valid for 3 years.*

## PECS® Level 2 Certified Implementer™

### PECS Level 2 Knowledge Certificate.....\$25.00 USD

PECS Implementers will demonstrate problem solving and knowledge of teaching advanced skills in the PECS teaching protocol and the Pyramid Approach to Education by completing an examination, achieving a score of 90% or greater. *Prerequisites: PECS Level 1 Knowledge Certificate and PECS Level 2 Training. Valid for 2 years.*

### PECS Level 2 Practice Demonstration.....\$700.00 USD

PECS Implementers will demonstrate advanced competency in applying knowledge of the PECS teaching protocol and the Pyramid Approach to Education. Requirements include demonstrating (live or via video) the implementation of Phases I through VI within different functional activities, teaching an advanced attribute lesson and an advanced Phase VI lesson. Written requirements include submission of sample instructional plans and data sheets relating to the demonstrated implementation, and completion of a self-evaluation for all submitted demonstrations and written assignments. *Prerequisite: PECS Level 2 Knowledge Certificate. Valid for 3 years.*

## PECS® Certified Manager™

### PECS Manager Certification.....\$1,500.00 USD

PECS Managers will demonstrate skills related to analyzing and providing feedback about PECS implementation; understanding Skinner's (1957) analysis of Verbal Behavior and the Pyramid Approach to Education and presenting a PECS Overview. Requirements include completing an application to the program, attending PECS Manager Training, presenting an overview on PECS, providing feedback on PECS implementation, completing examinations and self-evaluations for all requirements. This program is for people who work in educational and residential organizations, it is not intended for those who work in private practice. *Prerequisites: PECS Level 2 Implementer Certificate and The Pyramid Approach Basic Training. Valid for 3 years.*

PECS Certified Implementers and Managers may maintain their respective status by completing training hours for professional development given by Pyramid Educational Consultants and renewal demonstration requirements prior to the certificate expiration date.

### Contact information

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