



What is Early CLASS?

Early CLASS (Communication, Language And Social Skills) is a classroom-based speech, language and communication program for children ages 3 to 5 years with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their parents.

Dr. Pamela Rollins, associate professor, developed the program using the SCERTS philosophy, a social-communicative approach to intervention (Prizant and colleagues, 2006).

Early CLASS serves as an educational laboratory and research site for the UT Dallas program in communication sciences and disorders. Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) trained in the SCERTS program provide behavioral therapy with a developmental perspective. Graduate student clinicians assist SLPs in the classroom.

Early CLASS:

- Serves children ages 3 to 5 years who exhibit some use of verbal language.
- Focuses on the core features of ASD.
- Helps children become more competent communicators.
- Addresses problem behaviors that interfere with learning and relationships.
- Includes a parent education component.



When:

Monday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Available fall, spring and summer semesters

Where:

Callier Center Dallas

1966 Inwood Road | Dallas, Texas 75235

Cost:

\$90/session (may be insurance eligible) +

\$75 nonrefundable enrollment fee

Contact:

Early CLASS Office

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Callier Center for Communication Disorders

The Callier Center for Communication Disorders helps people communicate throughout their lives — to hear and be heard, to understand and be understood. For more than 50 years we have provided treatment, training and research to help people of all ages hear, speak and connect with others.