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) plus $150 nonrefundable enrollment fee

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