

# MNRI® Facial Reflex Integration-Level 1



## Course Overview:

Facial motor reflexes first appear in infancy and remain active throughout life, supporting a broad range of needs essential to:

- Human survival, including breathing, rooting, eating and general neurovascular function
- Accessing and managing visual, auditory, and other sensory system input
- Different coordination systems in different combinations – hand, mouth, ear, eye, tongue, neck, and cranial coordination systems
- Nonverbal (emotional expressions and cognitive activity) and verbal communication (articulation)

Facial reflexes not only affect function in the facial area, they also affect function throughout the whole brain-body system. The MNRI Facial Reflex Integration Program techniques work to activate and engage reflex actions, movements and patterns necessary for the maturation of more complex motor reflexes and the development of advanced communication and cognition. The engagement and maturation of facial reflexes can be impeded by congenital issues or traumatic events that occur in utero, at birth, or anytime after birth. Depending on the number of facial reflexes and related primary motor reflex patterns impacted, a broad array of associated life challenges can appear. MNRI Facial Reflex program techniques have been used with great success for children experiencing various delays in communication development.

MNRI Oral-Facial Reflex Integration course explores:

- The general MNRI Method and the role played by the Facial Reflex Integration Program
- Oral-facial reflexes and how they relate to primary motor reflex patterns and important body systems
- The role oral-facial reflexes play in establishing a foundation for motor, communication and cognitive development, and emotional and behavioral regulation
- MNRI techniques to assess, pattern, and integrate oral-facial reflexes
- How to create an MNRI oral-facial reflex integration home program for individual clients
- How to incorporate MNRI Oral-Facial Reflex Integration course content into daily client and home practice

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