

## **Learning Objectives**

## MedBridge Swallowing Assessment in Patients With Tracheostomy Tubes Debra Suiter, PhD, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, F-ASHA

Upon completion of this course, learners will be able to

- Analyze aspects of clinical swallow evaluation that should be considered when assessing patients with tracheostomy tubes
- Determine speaking valve candidacy
- Link how cuff deflation may impact swallow assessment in patients with tracheostomy tubes
- Analyze benefits of VFSS and FEES for patients with tracheostomy tubes
- Organize evidence regarding impact of tracheostomy tubes on swallowing