

# Foundations of Special Learning Needs

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Special Learning Needs Resource Specialists

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The newly created *Foundations of Special Learning Needs* focuses on informal assessments and instructional strategies to address special learning needs and effective instructional practices for all.

This hybrid training will meet once in-person for a half day and will contain 2 online training components with application exercises.

The Foundations training, as well the Institute to Credential Special Learning Needs Resource Specialists, are part of the ICCB Instructional Staff Professional Pathways for Special Learning Needs. Successful completion of the Foundations training will provide credit towards completion of the Institute. Foundations training can also be completed as a stand-alone module.

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## FOUNDATIONS CONTENT

Part 1: Introduction to Special Learning Needs online session

- a) Define learning disabilities
- b) Understand the difference between learning preferences, learning difficulties, and learning disabilities
- c) Address learning needs through creating a stimulating learning environment

Part 2: Application exercise

Part 3: Informal Classroom Assessments, Understanding the Learner/Learning Process, Effective Instructional Practices – ½ Day In-person Session

Part 4: Application exercise

## **CRITERIA FOR SELECTING FOUNDATIONS PARTICIPANTS**

Participants need to:

- Possess the ability to work collaboratively with colleagues within programs
- Be able to attend all sessions
- Have access to students to complete application activities
- Anticipate continued employment within their programs

## **BENEFITS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THIS INSTITUTE**

Benefits for participating adult educators and their programs are:

- Improved capacity to meet the needs of adults with special learning needs
- Ongoing participation as a team member in this statewide initiative to meet the special learning needs of adult education students
- Completion of components of the SLN Institute
- Participation in statewide and regional networking and communication systems with other SLN Foundations completers, Special Learning Needs Resource Specialists and with the Service Center Network
- Ongoing technical assistance and support from the Service Center Network

*Special note: The SLN Foundations Training represents basic training and will not prepare participants to be trainers or diagnosticians.*

**SEE ATTACHED REGISTRATION FORM FOR SLN FOUNDATIONS TRAINING DATES AND TIMES.**

## Foundations of Special Learning Needs

REGISTRATION/RECOMMENDATION FORM – Host Program: Pui Tak Center  
(To be completed by the appropriate program administrator)

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

### ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATION:

I understand that the SLN Foundations Training is designed to train selected adult education staff. The participant(s) that I have recommended meet the following criteria:

- Possess the ability to work collaboratively with colleagues within programs
- Be able to attend all sessions
- Have access to students to complete application activities
- Anticipate continued employment within their programs

I further understand that my program may incur some training-related expenses (travel, substitute pay, etc.).

Administrator's Signature of Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator's Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAININGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Parts 1 & 2:** Self-paced online – August 27, 2018 – October 12, 2018

**In-person Day** Friday, October 19, 2018 9:00am – 12:30pm

**Part 3:** Pui Tak Center  
2216 S. Wentworth Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60616

**Part 4:** Self-paced online – final project due November 16, 2018

**There is no registration fee for this training.**

Return this Registration/Recommendation to Sarah Goldammer [sgoldam@siue.edu](mailto:sgoldam@siue.edu)

Training questions? Contact Sarah Goldammer (618) 650-2254 or email at above address

**Deadline to register: September 14, 2018**