

Foundations of Special Learning Needs

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Special Learning Needs Resource Specialists

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 two 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
- Enhanced understanding of student-centered instructional techniques
- 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.

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REGISTRATION/RECOMMENDATION FORM

Host Program: Southwestern Illinois College

(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
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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, 2019 – October 4, 2019
- In-person Day** Friday, October 11, 2019, 9:00am – 12:30pm
Part 3: Southwestern Illinois College
- Part 4:** Self-paced online – final project due November 15, 2019

There is no registration fee for this training.

Return this Registration/Recommendation to Sarah Goldammer sgoldam@siue.edu

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

Deadline to register: October 1, 2019