

Requirements of Special Learning Needs Instructional Staff Professional Pathway

Special Learning Needs Specialist:

All courses below (except the Institute) are online and can be found on iLearn. Under course categories, click 1. Professional Pathways, 2. SLN Professional Pathway, 3. SLN Specialist

- Institute to Credential Special Learning Needs Resource Specialists
 - Application of CCR Innovations with a Special Learning Needs emphasis in analyzing resources to maximize teaching materials and revising a resource and curriculum to meet learning needs of students (part of Institute)
- Technology Resources for Special Learning Needs in the Adult Education Classroom
- Testing Accommodations and the GED®
- Sign up for SLN Blog
- Presenting an Effective Training Presentation

Responsibilities/Potential Assignments of SLN Professional

Special Learning Needs Specialist:

- ✓ Assists in curriculum development
- ✓ Evaluates, aligns and recommends instructional materials appropriate for multiple learning modalities/learning styles
- ✓ Develops appropriate instructional materials to meet needs of SLN students in the program
- ✓ Mentors new(er) teachers
- ✓ Provides observation and feedback on integration of special learning needs instruction
- ✓ Serve on SLN specific committees, teams, etc.
- ✓ Provide program specific SLN training as requested
- ✓ All responsibilities/assignments from Standards Proficient category

SLN Master Teacher:

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- Serve as mentor to Institute participants as designated by SLN Trainer
 - Communicate bi-weekly with mentee
 - Report monthly to SLN Trainer
 - Complete year-end report of mentee's development (template to be created)
 - Observe teaching in action to monitor lesson content and ensure instructional practices meet specific SLN needs
- Completion of Special Project (one of the following or other as approved by SLN Trainer)
 - Assisting teachers within their program to implement learning strategies such as IRLN overlays, color coding, Microsoft WORD imbedded accommodations, etc. to facilitate learning throughout their program

SLN Master Teacher:

- ✓ Support administration in activities to strengthen instructional program and identification and creation of appropriate professional growth for staff, i.e. workshops, creation of materials, team member for instructional planning
- ✓ Assist in program evaluation activities, i.e. observing other teachers with effective feedback
- ✓ Serve as mentor to instructors completing the SLN Certified Resource Specialist training
- ✓ Promote program on the SLN blog
- ✓ Serve as a resource to the community and to the adult education field providing advice, presenting at conferences, meetings, etc.
- ✓ All responsibilities/assignments from Standards Proficient and SLN Specialist category

SLN Master Teacher(continued)

- Provide a series of workshops for other staff members on topics such as learning styles, accommodated learning, building self-advocacy, fostering self-esteem, or other topics approved by SLN Trainer
- Conduct research into the learning needs of their individual students examining principles from year one instruction
- Contribute a minimum of once a month to Special Learning Needs Adult Education Blog in one of the following ways:
 - Share a valuable resource or website to assist others in the field
 - Update the progress of the Master Teacher Special Project and provide valuable instructional information with colleagues
 - Comment on postings from other year two participants or from the SLN trainer
- Begin training to become certified as SLN State Trainer (if requested)

Present research topic including findings, successes, challenges, and lessons learned both at the IACEA, the Voice of Adult Education state conference and in an online learning workshop sponsored by SIPDC

