



Northeast ABE Spring Regional In-Service

Friday, April 17, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Hibbing Park Hotel
1402 East Howard St, Hibbing, MN 55746



The Northeast ABE Regional Professional Development Coordinator of the MN Department of Education and the ATLAS program at Hamline University are pleased to offer this professional development workshop. CEU's indicating attendance will be provided.

Agenda

9:00-9:30 Registration & Coffee/Rolls

9:30-10:45 Accuplacer Math – Group Session

Andy Albee, Robbinsdale Adult Academic Program

Need some ideas to help learners transitioning to post-secondary get ready for the math portion of the Accuplacer test? This fun session will give you some new strategies for helping students conquer those challenging math problems!

10:45-12:00 Concurrent Session 1 (choose one):

1. What is a Learning Disability and How Does an Assessment Work?

Mike Anderson, Learning Disabilities Association (LDA) of MN

This informative session will explain the definition of LD and outline the difficulties LD adults deal with in learning. Mike will also walk us through the ins and outs of a LD assessment.

2. Alphabetics: Tools, Strategies, and Resources

Carol Fuller, retired ABE teacher (this session addresses the relicensure area of continued reading instruction)

Recent research in adult literacy has determined that ABE students struggling at Beginning and Intermediate levels have difficulties with alphabetics or the sound/word levels of reading proficiency. They do not have mastery of the English sound/letter system, syllable patterns, roots, prefixes, and/or suffixes. In addition, they may not show progress on CASAS or TABE and often feel discouraged and disheartened. This workshop will provide tools, strategies and resources to improve Beginning and Intermediate reading instruction.

12:00-12:45 Lunch, prepared by Hibbing Park Inn

12:45-2:00 Concurrent Session 2 (choose one):

1. Building Vocabulary Skills

Keri Rakes, AEOA (this session addresses the relicensure area of continued reading instruction)

Join Keri to learn some fun, hands-on ideas for helping students build their vocabulary. Keri will include ideas for students transitioning to postsecondary.

2. Science Labs in a Ziploc Bag

Kirsten Fugelseth-Northwest Service Cooperative ABE

You don't have to know tons of science, perform traditional experiments, or purchase expensive equipment that takes up a lot of space in your classroom to build science skills in literacy, numeracy, critical thinking, and problem solving. You just need a "bag of tricks!" This hands-on session will give you a chance to test out some easy classroom experiments. Take home information and a supply list to begin to create your own "lab in a Ziploc bag!"

2:00-3:30 Warning Signs of Mental Illness – Group Session

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) (this session addresses the relicensure area of key warning signs of early onset mental illness)

This eye-opening session will teach participants to recognize early warning signs and symptoms of common mental illnesses, as well as strategies for dealing with mental illness in the classroom.

3:30 Evaluations, CEU's



Workshop Information

- Cost: **\$15** (including meals & materials)
- Please address any event questions to Laura Prettyman, Northeast Regional Professional Development Coordinator: lprettyman@charterinternet.com
- Please address any registration questions to Marisa Squadrito Geisler, ATLAS Program Assistant: mgeisler02@hamline.edu

Registration Options

- **PREFERRED: Register online at www.hamline.edu/atlas** (follow the links from the Calendar of Events in the left-hand menu)
- **Or return this form with check or purchase order payable to Hamline University for \$15/person to:**

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NOTE: Registrations must be received by Friday, April 10, 2009.

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*(an asterisk * indicates required information)*

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