



## Orientation to Special Education: From Referral to IEP Development

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**Target Audience:** *New special educators, special educators new to Vermont, parent advocates, administrators, and AHS workers. This workshop will not cover content specific to Essential Early Education (EEE) providers.*

This two-day workshop is designed for beginning special educators and special educators new to VT. We will review the special education process (K-21), support greater participant understanding of each step, and respond to questions that each step elicits.

Participants will build an understanding of:

- Criteria for determining disability and associated impact on learning
- Criteria for identifying evidence of adverse effect upon educational performance across basic skill areas
- Need for Special Education - what makes it 'special'?
- Determining present levels of educational and functional performance
- Accommodations and modifications - ensuring access to general education
- Service delivery models
- Data collection
- Effective meeting facilitation tips and strategies

*Jen Patenaude has worked for North Country Supervisory Union for more than twenty years as a special educator, evaluation specialist, and instructional specialist. She is also an instructor, presenter, internship supervisor, and member of the VT-HEC SPED Advisory Council. Jen leads professional development on a multitude of topics for both general education and special education teachers and has served as adjunct faculty for the Vermont State Colleges.*

This virtual workshop series is best attended live, so that learning can occur in real-time with other participants. If the dates and times do not work for you, a recorded version of this event will be made available for a fee on our website.

**Dates:** September 24 & October 1, 2020  
**Place:** Live Virtual Workshop Series  
**Time:** 8:30 - 2:30 (10 professional learning hours)  
**Cost:** \$270

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