



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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