



## • Teaching Reading Comprehension to Students Who Require More Explicit Instruction •

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**Audience:** *Teachers, special educators, reading specialists*

Given the importance of reading to both academic success and successful functioning in the community, reading interventions that are specifically tailored to students with ASD, other developmental disabilities, and learning disorders are critical. This workshop is designed to develop greater teacher competency in addressing the learning profiles of students within this population who have mastered the techniques of decoding text, but struggle with comprehension.

This is a hands-on learning opportunity with 2 workshops divided by one month to allow teachers the opportunity to practice skills and come back to the second session for discussion and problem solving. The course of study will include methodologies to improve student learning within the broad curriculum domain of reading comprehension skills, and more specifically across the essential building blocks of successful reading comprehension to include vocabulary, background knowledge, literal comprehension, inferencing, and the application of cognitive strategies to support reading comprehension. In addition, we will address the use of curriculum-based progress monitoring tools and standardized assessments to track student progress.

**Focus of Workshop #1 (October 16):**

Research based methodologies for teaching reading comprehension including vocabulary, background knowledge, literal comprehension, inferencing, and cognitive strategies  
Identification of goals and objectives, development of curriculum and progress monitoring

**Focus of Workshop #2 (November 13)**

Curriculum-based progress monitoring, including data collection protocols to inform decision making  
Developing increased understanding and utilization of standardized academic assessment results  
Opportunity for discussion, problem-solving, and program development

**Dates:** October 16 & November 13, 2017

**Place:** Capitol Plaza  
Montpelier, VT

**Cost:** \$380 (lunch included)

**Time:** 8:30-3:30

Please inquire with Capital Plaza reservations (802-223-5252) about discounted hotel rates for the evening prior to this event.



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