

Assistive Technology (AT) Specialist Certificate Course



Description: This Assistive Technology (AT) Certificate Course prepares participants in how to assess and support PK-12 students with curriculum access needs. This course was previously taught and designed by Dr. Susan Simmons. **The course does not include AAC.**

Who Should Attend: AT Assessors/Specialists, OT's, SLP's, SAI/RSP Teachers, Mod/Severe and LI Teachers and Specialists, and Special Education Administrators.

Time & Dates: 10 Friday Virtual Sessions, 8:30 am-12:00 pm, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3 & 10.

Please contact instructor with any schedule conflicts.

Registration

- **Full Course:** AT Specialist Certificate Participants
Registration must be received by September 18, 2021.
Registration fee: \$1995
Requirements: AT Assessors will attend class sessions, demonstrate practice with students to develop experience with AT tools, and write 2-3 defensible assessment reports. University units are available.
- **Audit:** Non-Certificate Participants
Registration must be received by Sept. 18, 2021.
Registration fee: \$895
Requirements: Administrators, Program Specialists or AT's who need a refresher can audit the course. Those who audit will learn what AT consideration really means, what an adequate AT Assessment includes, and be able to discuss AT in IEP meetings with confidence. There are no attendance or writing requirements. University units are not available.

Pre-register using this link: <https://forms.gle/JHdKAeNiMDQFZxCY7>

Questions? Contact Diana (323) 333-5674 Diana.Neskovska@gmail.com

REFUND POLICY: Due to the limited number of participants, there are no refunds. Participants may be substituted prior to the start of the course.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

What to expect? This course is demanding and rewarding. It requires time and attention. Participants will choose 2-3 students to assess their AT needs, using a range of AT tools, and write defensible assessment reports. The focus is exclusively on education, schools, and special ed. law & curriculum access. This course will provide personal attention and individual coaching for all participants in a small group size.

Learning Outcomes:

Participants will demonstrate skills in the following areas:
software that meets a range of curriculum access and executive functioning needs including word prediction, text to speech, internet access, accessibility features, reducing text complexity & organization, benefits of commercial and free/low cost software tools, comparing student needs with and without AT, special education law governing AT and curriculum access accommodations, write legally defensible reports that reflect findings, trials, recommendations and implementation, and utilize and find resources and groups for support.

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Helping Southern California schools meet the assistive technology needs of their students.



Diana has 22+ years experience as a Special Education Teacher, Teacher Specialist and Assistive Technology Specialist. She is currently an Assistive Technology Consultant who serves multiple school districts in Southern California. She has developed and implemented technology solutions for students with autism, learning disabilities, attention-deficit disorders, intellectual disabilities, orthopedic impairments and more diverse needs ages 3-22. She has extensive experience navigating complex IEP's, providing professional development and serving as a speaker at conferences on various education topics.

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