



BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

Fall and Spring 2017-2018

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1 Credit Course

Course Description: Specific Learning Disabilities: Evaluation to the IEP

This Course is designed for Special Education teachers that would like to expand their knowledge in understanding the process in determining eligibility, developing an IEP and planning for instruction under the category of Specific Learning Disability. Specific Learning Disabilities: Evaluation to the IEP is a credit course consisting of webinars and assignments and a one-day face-to-face training in October/November 2018. The course will cover the problem-solving process through eligibility determination, and using evaluation results to develop the IEP.

Required Readings and Resources:

Idaho Special Education Manual and other SDE resource documents
Idaho SESTA documents
Training modules
Other readings as determined

Course Objectives: Participants' understanding of the problem-solving process and using data to drive the assessment plan and evaluation.

- Increase participants' critical thinking when considering the preponderance of evidence in making eligibility determinations.
- Increase participants' skills in developing an IEP which ties back to the student's evaluation results.

Required Participation

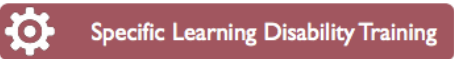
- Attend Face to Face training – Specific Learning Disabilities - 7 hour training
- View 3 webinars
- Read multiple documents and resources
- Write 6 short reflections on assigned materials
- Participate in an online virtual community by posting comments and responses to other participants
- Final – Submit a SLD Eligibility Report and corresponding IEP

Professional Development Attendance Guidelines

By taking this professional development credit, you are agreeing to attend a 1-day Specific Learning Disabilities training put on by Idaho SESTA, view 3 webinars completely as assigned by instructor, watch or read assigned content, complete reflection assignments, and participate by posting and giving responses to other classmates in a virtual community.

If you do not attend the 1-day training, 3 webinars, and have consistent participation in the virtual community as well as posting and completing the written assignments as required, you will receive a grade of **Fail** for the PD credit.

Assignments, Grading Scale, and Grading Policies

Assignment	Assessment	Date Posted:	Date Due:	Time														
Attend the Face to Face training – Specific Learning Disabilities	 <table border="1" data-bbox="527 401 977 457"> <thead> <tr> <th>ID. FALLS</th> <th>POC.</th> <th>TWIN</th> <th>NAMPA</th> <th>BOISE</th> <th>CDA</th> <th>LWS.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Oct 9</td> <td>Oct 11</td> <td>Oct 13</td> <td>Oct 24</td> <td>Oct 26</td> <td>Nov 8</td> <td>Nov 10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The SLD process is complicated. Let's tackle it together. Come learn about how to qualify a student for SLD and plan for their unique needs. Ideal for special education teachers and could also benefit general education teachers, related service providers, school psychologists, special education and other school administrators..</p>	ID. FALLS	POC.	TWIN	NAMPA	BOISE	CDA	LWS.	Oct 9	Oct 11	Oct 13	Oct 24	Oct 26	Nov 8	Nov 10	Various locations, starting 10-9-17	NA	7 hours
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If taking for credit: Register for Edmodo and join <i>Specific Learning Disabilities for Special Educators</i> – Code: g22vm4			11-15-17															
Topic: Using Data to Inform Decisions within the Evaluation Process Webinar: Using Information from the Problem-Solving Team	Reflection: Respond to 2 of the 3 prompts within your post on Edmodo . <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Share something that your school Problem-Solving Team or Evaluation Team is already doing that was covered during this module. 2. Share one clarification or question you might have regarding this content 3. Share one thing you might take back to your school team to assist them in understanding the problem-solving to referral process. Respond to two other posts from others in this group.	11/1/17	11/24/17	1.5 hour														
Topic: Evaluation and Eligibility Read: Specific Learning Disability Eligibility criteria, Idaho Special Education Manual (pg. 57-61) Read: Chapter 4, Section 5C: <i>Assessment Procedures and Instruments</i> Read: <i>Specific Learning Disability Guidance Tool</i> , Idaho SESTA (pg. 13-32)	Reflection: Using the criteria within the Idaho Special Education Manual, review a current SLD Eligibility Report. Respond to 2 out of 3 prompts on Edmodo . (To protect confidentiality we will only share big ideas or take-aways and not student specific information.) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Share one strong component or SLD criteria of the Eligibility Report and why. 2. Share one component or SLD criteria that was missing or could be stronger and why. 3. Share one “Ah-Ha” from the readings, making a connection between the criteria in the manual/guidance tool to Chapter 4, Section 5C of the manual. Respond to two other posts from others in this	12/1/17	12/15/17	1 hour														

	group.			
<p>Topic: Demonstrating Low Achievement</p> <p>Webinar: Administering and Interpreting Academic Achievement Assessments</p> <p>Read: <i>Academic Assessment Resources</i> (Idaho SESTA doc.)</p>	<p>Reflection: Respond to 1 of the 3 prompts in 300 to 500 words and post to Edmodo.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe how you might use the data provided by the Problem-Solving Team to select appropriate assessments during an evaluation. 2. Describe how you might include an error analysis within the narrative that interprets assessment results (within the Eligibility Report) to further explain the student's adverse effect and need for specially designed instruction. 3. What are three pieces of new or reviewed information you took away from this module and how will this information impact your practices in administering assessments? 	1/2/18	1/16/18	1.5 hour
<p>Webinar: Using the Preponderance of Evidence</p> <p>Read: <i>Use of Preponderance of Evidence in Determining SLD Eligibility</i>, Idaho Special Education Manual Resources</p>	<p>Reflection: Respond 2 of the 3 to the prompts on Edmodo.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How might the guiding questions within the resource document guide your team in using the preponderance of evidence in determining SLD Eligibility? 2. Share one clarification or question you might have regarding this content and why. 3. Share one thing you might take back to your school team to assist them in understanding the use of preponderance in determining SLD Eligibility. <p>Respond to two other posts from others in this group.</p>	2/1/18	2/15/17	1 hour
<p>Read: Review 1 of the 3 case study examples of a student's SLD Eligibility Report</p> <p>Use the <i>Cognitive Functioning and Psychological Processing</i> doc (Idaho Special Education Resources) to determine appropriate area of need, goals, and accommodations based on the student's evaluation results</p>	<p>Reflection: Within your post on Edmodo list the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student name within the case study • Area of instructional need and information used to make that determination • Skills you might write a goal for and information used to make that determination • Accommodations based on the student's evaluation results and information you used to make that determination. <p>Respond to two other posts from others in this group.</p>	3/1/18	3/15/18	1 hour
<p>Read: <i>Snapshot of Learning and Attention</i></p>	<p>Reflection: Post 3 "Ah-Ha's" you took from the reading and how those "Ah-Ha's" connect with</p>	4/1/18	4/15/18	30 minutes

<i>Issues in the U.S.</i> (2017), National Center for Learning Disabilities	your current teaching practices. (To protect confidentiality we will only share big ideas or take-aways and not student specific information.)			
SLD Eligibility Report and IEP	<p>Submit an SLD Eligibility Report and IEP using an example student, which demonstrates the student meets all eligibility for SLD according the Idaho Special Education Manual. The submission should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete SLD Eligibility Report • Complete IEP that demonstrates a thread of information from the evaluation results of the submitted Eligibility Report <p>(To protect confidentiality please provide a report that does not reflect identifiable information. If using an example report you have put together as part of your caseload remove or change all identifiable information such as student name, district and school name, gender, parent’s name, etc.)</p>	2/1/18	4/15/18	1.5 hours
Total				15 hours

Grading Scale:

Pass or Fail

Grading Policies:

In order to Pass and receive credit, participants must:

1. Attend the 1 day of training
2. Complete ALL assignments by due date listed in the assignment chart above.

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