

Assistive Technology Specialist Certificate Course

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*New Virtual Course with small group format
beginning September 2020*

Description: This Assistive Technology (AT) Certificate Course uses thorough instruction and exercises that teach participants how to assess and support K-12 students with curriculum access needs.

The course does not include AAC.

Format: Weekly 2-hour webinars with activities to be completed between sessions.

Time & Dates: Fridays 9-11 am Sept. 18-Nov. 20, Dec. 4 & 11, Jan. 15-Feb. 19

*date/time conflicts can be adjusted by participant agreement

Who should attend?

The most successful districts have a plan for participant's role in their organization, prior to attending the course. If you need help creating a plan Susan is happy to help you.

The ideal participant will be a key AT Assessor, or is current AT Assessor, who would like further training specifically, in school-based AT.

What to expect?

This course is demanding and rewarding. It requires time and attention.

Participants will assess student AT needs, using a range of tools, and write defensible reports.

It is important to choose highly motivated individuals and provide administrative support.

Why is this course unique?

- The Focus is ONLY on education, schools, and special ed law
- Personal attention & individual coaching
- Small group size, maximum 8 participants

Learning Outcomes

Participants will demonstrate their understanding of:

- software that meets a range of curriculum access needs including; word prediction, text to speech, internet access, reducing text complexity & organization
- benefits of commercial and free software tools
- comparing student needs with and without AT
- special ed law governing AT and curriculum access accommodations

additionally, successful certificate recipients will:

- write 2-3 defensible reports that reflect findings— trials, recommendations and implementation
- utilize resources for support and locate listservs, and groups of AT Specialists

The AT Certification Course meets the needs of two distinct audiences.

Registration is on a space available basis, only 8 spots are available

Full Course: AT Specialist Certificate Participants—6 spaces (University units available)

Fees: \$1895 EARLY REG paid by July 17, 2020 **Reg. Registration \$1995 paid by Aug. 20, 2020**

Meet attendance requirements and practice with students to develop experience using AT tools. During the course, write 2-3 assessments to give you the to work on independently.

Audit Non-certificate (University units not available) – 2 spaces

Fees: Early REG paid by July 17, 2020 **\$895 Regular Reg. \$995 paid by Aug. 20, 2020**

Administrators, Program Specialist or ATs 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 written requirements.

Prepaid Pre-registration is required to hold your space.

Step 1: Pre-register using this link <https://tinyurl.com/ATCERT20-21>

Your place will only be secure once your payment has been received.

(If the names of individuals attending are not known, list attendee 1, attendee 2 to reserve)

Step 2: Susan Simmons & Associates will send an invoice and W-9 form to the Billing email address on the pre-registration form. Please follow up to ensure that prepayment is received by the deadline.

Questions? Email or call Dr. Simmons Susan@SusanSimmons.com **626-298-1111**

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

Dr. Simmons has been an Assistive Technology Specialist for over 25 years. She has developed AT programs for school districts and mentored ATs. From 2005 - 2014 she was the AT and Education Specialist at Diagnostic Center, Southern CA where she provided professional development for educators in AT and Universal Design for Learning (UDL). Since 2014, she has been in private practice working with school districts throughout California. She has offered the AT Certificate Course, updated annually, for the past 10 years. She is a frequent speaker at national and international conferences on both AT and UDL.

Testimonials

Susan is an amazing teacher and mentor! I have been lucky enough to attend some of her trainings and she has provided much appreciated consultation to my district. Her breadth of knowledge is incredible, and her trainings are so well-organized, practical, and state-of-the art. She is always my "go to" person whenever I have a question about assistive technology. I could not be the AT Specialist I am today without her continued guidance and support.

Miriam Brock, AT Specialist & SLP
Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

Susan has been a great asset to our District. She truly understands assistive technology in an educational setting and her assessments reflect her knowledge. We hope to continue our relationship with her for years to come!

Sharon Amrhein, Special Education Director, Hart High School District, Santa Clarita, CA