

Spreading the Word about Assistive Technology and Universal Design for Learning: Tools and Strategies for ALL Learners – E. Walpole

Course Description: The Education Cooperative (TEC) and The Reading Institute (TRI) will provide two blended 30-hour professional development courses in Eastern and Western, MA to help educators explore their own use of technology and more effectively use technology in the classroom. The course will provide Educators with a thorough understanding of best practices in the fields of Assistive Technology (AT) and Universal Design for Learning (UDL), as well as practical knowledge of the provision of Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM/AEM). Working collaboratively through hands-on activities, participants will leverage the power of available technologies and resources to enable all students, especially those with disabilities, to access the curriculum and improve their learning. The institute will include 2.5 face-to-face days and monthly online sessions (synchronous and/or asynchronous). The course is designed to provide ongoing online PLN support throughout the school year to facilitate real classroom application of skills learned.

***Participants will receive a technology toolkit that includes:**

- Chromebook and case
- iPad and case
- \$50 of iPad apps
- A suite of chrome extensions
- Low Tech solutions



About the Instructors: Jennifer Edge-Savage, MS,EdS,OTR/L is an Assistive Technology Consultant, Occupational Therapist, and an Associate Professor of Practice at Simmons College. She is the incoming President for ISTE's Inclusive Learning Network and has been working in the field of AT for 20 years. Mike Marotta is a RESNA Certified Assistive Technology Professional who has been providing direct services to individuals with all disabilities for over 25 years. Mike provides assistive technology consultation support to several school districts and works to ensure effective, successful assistive technology consideration, evaluation and implementation. He is the co-founder of #atchat and edcampaccess.

Audience: All K-12 Educators. District teams are encouraged!

Location: TEC Professional Learning Center in E. Walpole

Date & Times: July 31, 2017 from 8:30-4:30; November 14, 2017 from 12-4:00; May 31, 2018 from 8:30-4:30

Synchronous Online Webinars: Four 2-hour Webinars 6:00-8:00pm (July 24 & Oct. 23, 2017, Jan. 23 & Feb. 28, 2018)

Synchronous Social Media Chats: Four 1-hour chats 7-8pm (Sept. 12 & Dec. 12, 2017, Feb. 13 & Apr. 10, 2018)

Asynchronous Online activity: Ongoing via Twitter, Facebook, Google Classroom, and other online tools

Participation in ALL Face-to-Face and Online sessions is mandatory for PDPs and technology toolkit.

Earn: 45 PDPs

Cost: \$1300

Grad Credit: 2 graduate credits from Worcester State University for an additional \$250, payable at the first class



To register: Go online to http://www.tec-coop.org/PDL_RegForm.html or complete this form and send, along with a check or PO, to:
TEC Professional Development, 141 Mansion Drive, Suite 200, E. Walpole, MA 02032

Registration Deadline for "Spreading the Word ..." is Monday, July 10th, 2017

Name: _____ School: _____

Home address: _____ Role: _____

City, state, zip code: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ City, state, zip code: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Withdrawals: No credits/refunds will be given unless TEC is notified 10 business days before the first class. All payments processed upon receipt. There is a \$5 cancellation fee.