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Supplementary Articles for Classroom Use

'I'm not stupid after all' – changing perceptions of self as a tool for transformation

When adult learners return to formal education after a period of absence, coping with change is a constant and often omnipresent challenge. As they come to break down previous barriers to success in an educational arena, many adult learners are able to change the perceptions they have of themselves as learners. Based on data collected during the thirteen week academic writing course within the Skills for Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS) program, evidence suggests that upon critical reflection of previously held assumptions about their learning abilities, many students revise those assumptions and become more empowered individuals.

The Only Absolute Truth in Mathematics is The Myth of Mathematics as Universal

Culture and national origin can affect thinking about mathematics and mathematics learning. The myth that mathematics is objective and culture free becomes a barrier to adults learning mathematics. Adult educators must reflect upon culture's influence on learning and recognize the implications of universality myths on students' learning in mathematics classes.

Resources for Adapting Low Vision Training Materials for the Adult with Low Literacy Skills

Adults with low vision who seek clinical low vision services need to be able to read (that is, to interpret or understand words, numbers, and symbols in print meaningfully). Reading difficulties that adults encounter during low vision therapy may be directly connected to a visual impairment or may be related to other reading problems, such as lifelong learning disabilities, literacy deficiencies, or cognitive loss. Visual problems experienced by readers with low vision who have central vision loss may be similar to those of a person with low literacy ability. These problems include the inability to see all the words, skipping words or lines of print, and frustration.

Please email GK-Henderson@wiu.edu if you would like a copy of these articles.

CIAESC Fall Conference Keynote

The Shoulders on Which We Stand

Thomas G. Sticht, Adult Education Consultant

This presentation traces the contributions of pioneering adult literacy educators to the field of adult literacy education and reveals the astonishing contribution of a simple teaching technique invented by an adult literacy educator that contributed to the liberation of millions of African-Americans in the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s. The presentation aims to (1) help the field of adult education create an understanding of itself as a professional field with a history of major contributions to education and democracy in our Nation, and (2) advocate for adult literacy education by creating greater public awareness of the role of adult educators and the Adult Education and Literacy System of the United States in the history of our nation.

For additional information about the CIAESC Fall Conference, including a bio of Thomas G. Sticht and downloadable conference registration form, please visit our website at www.cait.org/ciaesc/conference

CIAESC Staff Development Events

Workplace Skills Across the Curriculum - Transportation, Warehousing, and Logistics

Friday, August 29, 2008 • 9:00am-12:00pm

Spoon River College, 23235 North County 22, Canton, IL 61520

TABE 9/10

Contact CIAESC to register.

Wednesday, September 3, 2008 • 2:00pm-4:00pm

Lakeview Library, 1137 W. Lake Avenue, Peoria, IL 61614

Excellence in Adult Education

Online using Horizon WIMBA.

Wednesday, September 3, 2008 • 11:00am-12:00pm

NRS Review

Online with Horizon WIMBA.

Wednesday, September 3, 2008, 5 pm - 6 pm

New Teacher Orientation

Participants must attend both parts of this workshop. Contact CIAESC to register.

Wednesday, September 3 AND Thursday, September 11, 2008, 6 pm - 9 pm

Lakeview Library, 1137 W. Lake Avenue, Peoria, IL 61614

Textbook Tools to Make and Take – Decision 2008

Contact CIAESC to register.

Friday, September 5, 2008 • 9:00am-12:00pm

Carl Sandburg College Carthage, 305 Sandburg Drive, Carthage, IL 62321

Science and Social Studies from January to December

Contact CIAESC to register.

Tuesday, September 9, 2008, 6 pm - 9 pm

ICC North Campus, Cedar Hall, 5407 N. University Drive, Peoria, IL 61614

Health Literacy Study Circles

This is the first of five sessions. Contact CIAESC to register.

Wednesday, September 10, 2008, 10 am - 1:30 pm

Carl Sandburg College Adult Learning Center, 2400 Tom L. Wilson Blvd, Galesburg, IL 61401

Dive Into Writing!

Online with Horizon WIMBA

Wednesday, September 10, 2008, 2 pm - 3 pm

Recruitment & Retention Meeting

Online with Horizon WIMBA

Wednesday, September 17, 2008, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

There are no registration fees for any of these workshops. One WIMBA Walkthrough must be taken before attending online sessions. A complete list of Walkthrough sessions and on-line registration can be found at www.thecenterweb.org/alrc/wimba.html

Web Spotlight

Excellence in Adult Education

www.excellenceinadulted.com

The Illinois Community College Board has designed this dynamic website for Adult Education and Family Literacy teachers to use for both professional and personal development. Learn where to find articles relevant to your field, how to use powerful internet tools to join discussions, and automatically get up-to-date information delivered right to your desktop by registering for the online Horizon WIMBA session presented by **CIAESC** on September 3 or October 22, 2008.

CIAESC Resource Library Picks

CIAESC maintains a lending resource library of professional and classroom materials (books, videos, audiotapes, disk software and CD-ROMs) and makes the resources available at no cost to all adult education program staff in the Illinois Service Center Network service region. To check out materials listed below or to customize your search for additional resources, please go to our web site, www.cait.org/ciaesc and click on the Resource Library graphic. To find one of the titles listed below, type the title in the search form title field and begin search. Directions to conduct your own search and to check out materials via the online shopping cart are provided. Patrons are encouraged to utilize the online system. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call (800) 572-9033 to arrange for check out.

Second Language Teaching & Learning

Second Language Teaching and Learning is a practical guide to the methodology of task-based language instruction. The resource, authored by the foremost authority on the concept and practical application of task-based language instruction, provides comprehensive coverage of the topics typically addressed in methodology courses; language, the learner, the learning process, and classroom teaching. (1999)

Workforce 2020: Work and Workers in the 21st Century

This guide to the next decade of workforce issues examines the trends that shape the economy and workforce and details the coming demographic changes in the workforce – and their potentially serious effects on the job market and the economy as a whole. The book also considers the education, training, and employment services needed to prepare workers for jobs of the next century. (1998)

Beyond Words: Picture Books for Older Readers and Writers

This book reveals the potential value of picture books far beyond the primary years. Teachers detail how they have used picture books in reading and writing classrooms, enriching the literate lives of their students. (1992)

Violent Times

The Violent Times series includes three videos (25 minutes running time each: A Time of Rage, A Time of Grief, A Time for Healing) and a discussion guide. It features frank testimonials of teens who've been exposed to violence in their daily lives. Some are perpetrators, some victims and some witnesses. Many were victimized early in life and acted out violently themselves as they entered their teens. They discuss how they've managed their anger and how they control it now. *The four items in this series must be checked out as a complete set.* (1996)