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are proud to offer a

Distance Learning Opportunity

SpecialQuest: Including Children Birth to Five with Disabilities and their Families in Early Education and Care Settings


4 CEUs upon successful completion of all four 10-hour modules.

Cost: \$200 per person. Group rates are available.

Time: Enroll any time! Learn at your own pace! Course is designed to be completed in a 3-month period. Course materials will be mailed to you upon registration.

Discover and learn to implement a comprehensive approach to including children birth to five with disabilities and their families in early education and care settings. Participants are encouraged to examine the beliefs and attitudes that influence and affect adults and children in inclusive settings. This course provides strategies and tools to help families and educators implement high-quality inclusive services. The importance of developing positive relationships with families to support collaboration, including families from diverse cultures, is emphasized. Educators will examine the readiness of their own programs for inclusion, including a checklist for inclusion planning and practical strategies for modifying curriculum, interactions, and the environment. The steps and skills required for effective teaming with other community programs and agencies are examined.

Participants will learn through short readings and by viewing award-winning videos produced by The Hilton/Early Head Start Training Program.



Receive a set of course
DVDs including course
overview, all reading
materials, assignments,
and a complete set of
SpecialQuest videos!

See other side for more
information on distance learning.

What is distance learning?

Distance learning is learning or education in which the instructor and the students are in separate physical locations. It's often based on written correspondence material together with audio-visual material. Access to the instructor is gained through technology such as telephone or internet, or by mail.

What are the advantages of distance learning?

Distance learning is a great alternative for people who have a limited ability to meet a class and/or instructor at a particular time or place. The student can access and use learning material at his or her convenience. Distance learning is ideal for students who are self-motivated learners and who can complete activities and assignments without direct supervision.

Are there any prerequisites?

Participants will receive course materials on a set of DVDs along with instructions on how to get started. Basic knowledge of the computer is required, although assignments can be printed out and completed with paper and pencil. Email capability is extremely helpful but not required. Participants will be required to view videos through the DVDs provided either on a computer or DVD player. The instructor is available for technical assistance if needed.

Although this distance learning course is designed for you to progress at your own rate, it is expected that the course will be completed within 3 months of receiving the materials.

What if I'm not sure this format is for me?

Call us! You can talk to the instructor and developer of the course, who can help you determine if distance learning is appropriate for your circumstance.

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Registration Form

Please print legibly.

Name: _____ Daytime phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Cell phone: _____

_____ Email: _____

Fax: _____

Course Policies

- Registration, including course fee, or a non-refundable deposit of \$50., is required in order to receive materials. Balance of the course fee will be due within one month and before CEUs will be issued.
- A \$25 fee will be charged for returned checks.
- Although you may complete assignments at your own pace, all assignments will be due within 6 months of receiving the course materials.
- By completing this registration form, you have agreed to the Course Policies.

Total cost of course, including all DVDs: \$200.00
Please make checks or money orders payable to: "The Institute for Education and Professional Development" Mail this form along with payment to: IEPD, 64 Dilla Street, Milford, MA 01757
For payment by credit card: _____ Visa _____ Mastercard
Name as it appear on card: _____
Billing address: _____
Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____
Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____

Please answer the survey questions on the back of this form. This information will help your instructor get to know you and better manage your course assignments you progress through this distance learning course.



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STUDENT SURVEY

Place of employment: _____

Position: _____ Number of years in the field: _____

Type of setting: _____ center-based _____ family child care _____ public school
_____ early intervention other: _____

Does your program currently include children birth to five with disabilities? _____

Circle the ages of children with whom you primarily work:

infants toddlers preschoolers school-age mixed-age groups

List your highest level of education: _____

Have you had courses about children with disabilities/special education before? Please describe briefly:

What are your goals for this course? _____

Briefly describe your experiences with distance learning in the past, including what you found rewarding and/or challenging: _____

Check your preferred means of communication (check all that apply)

_____ email _____ telephone _____ fax _____ US Postal Service

Is there any other information you would like your instructor to know about you?

