Creating Success Using Technology

Institute 2012 will provide professional development using evidence-based research to enhance the quality of technology use in preparing adult learners for college and career readiness.

OBJECTIVES: Participants will learn:
• Techniques to plan and deliver effective professional development using technology to enhance outcomes,
• Strategies for using technology to engage students and enrich learning,
• How to harness the power of technology to allow for more efficient work in our professional and personal lives, and
• Research-based techniques for using technology to teach transition and contextualized strategies.

“North Carolina is fortunate to have access to the ABSPD Project whose yearly, week-long Institute is low cost, but extremely high quality. A training project of this scope and excellence is needed nationwide.”

--Dr. Randy Whitfield, Associate Vice-President College and Career Readiness, NC Community College System

“Continued professional development is a necessity for educators wanting to stay at the top of their field. The ABSPD Project is by far the best opportunity ... to keep abreast of new trends ... the staff makes you feel like family.”

--Jeri Griffin, Basic Skills Director
Martin Community College

“I have attended over ten Institutes and always leave with new ideas, strategies, and techniques based on current research, thus making me a more effective trainer and instructor.”

--Laurie Weston, Instructor
Beaufort Community College

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Adult Basic Skills Professional Development

**History**
The ABSPD Project is housed in the Reich College of Education at Appalachian State University. Since 1988, the ABSPD Project has remained committed to improving the quality of Adult Basic Skills education in North Carolina. ABSPD continues to stride forward in providing evidence-based professional development for Adult Basic Skills educators and literacy volunteers through online courses, workshops, Institutes, manuals, DVDs, and CD-ROMs. ABSPD provides a professional development structure upon which Adult Basic Skills educators and volunteers can build a successful program.

**Mission**
ABSPD is committed to enhancing the quality of Adult Basic Skills instruction through providing relevant, timely, accessible, and effective professional development for program faculty and community-based literacy educators, creating a cadre of Certified Resource Specialists and developing better instructional skills.

**Institutes**
Each summer more than one hundred Adult Basic Skills educators and literacy colleagues attend the Institutes. The Institute program focuses on planning and presenting effective professional development reading, writing, mathematics, and technology. Institute is an investment in the future of adult education! The benefits do not end when participants leave Appalachian; they impact the future learning of adult students. Skills developed at Institute form the platform for the transfer of training to colleagues and students. YOU can become a catalyst for more effective Adult Basic Skills education.

**Certified Resource Specialists**
The Resource Specialist certification was developed to ensure a network of Adult Basic Skills training colleagues. Institute participants can obtain this certification through attendance at 3 Institutes, becoming a valuable resource in adult education.