



Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8

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ESL Newsletter

ESL Program Specialist Course Description

As a Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE)-approved provider for the ESL Program Specialist classes, Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 planned for two cohorts of classes with the intention of meeting the PDE requirement for all districts to have a certified ESL Program Specialist by September 1, 2004. This goal has been achieved with the graduation of 50 certified ESL Program Specialists.

The 12 credit course consisted of the following (in sequential order):

- Language Acquisition I (1 credit);
- Language Acquisition II (1 credit);
- Language Acquisition III (1 credit);
- Instructional Materials/Program Design (1 credit);
- Instructional Materials II (2 credits);
- English Language Learners Language and Support Services Knowledge (3 credits);
- Developing Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity (3 credits)



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Graduation of ESL Program Specialists

The ESL Program Specialist certification courses are coming to an end for the year. Two classes were conducted throughout the last two years. One session (Cohort A) attended during the summers of 2003 and 2004. The other session (Cohort B) attended throughout the 2003-04 school year.

Cohort A will graduate 15 students on July 16, 2004. Cohort B graduated 35 students on May 13, 2004.

The graduates include:

Cohort A

- Delores Van Ormer, Bellwood-Antis
- Barbara Fagan, Claysburg-Kimmel
- Linda Drusak, Conemaugh Township
- Jane Kmetz, Conemaugh Township
- Susan Levy, Meyersdale Area
- Sam Casale, Penn Cambria
- Sandra Langerholc, Richland
- Marcia Buchanan, Rockwood Area
- Mary Jo Picklo, Salisbury-Elk Lick
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I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the newly certified ESL Program Specialists. You have all worked hard over this past year and have succeeded in achieving your goal. Thank you for your professionalism and dedication. I would also like to thank the administration of each district that helped turn our goal into reality.

Thank you again and congratulations,
Leonard Shurin,
Instructor, ESL Program Specialist Course

Graduation, continued

- Judy Ansell, Somerset County Technology Center

Cohort B

- Heather Boyer, Altoona Area
- Judy DiLeo, Altoona Area
- Kerri Sassano, Altoona Area
- Walter Brown, Bedford Area
- Amy Polakoski, Berlin Brothersvalley
- Michael Shealer, Berlin Brothersvalley
- Staci Chuhran, Blacklick Valley
- Amy Larko, Cambria Heights
- Mary Ann Yanello, Cambria Heights
- Cynthia Nagy, Central Cambria
- Sara Conway, Chestnut Ridge
- Cheri Grimaldi, Conemaugh Valley
- Susan Snyder, Everett Area
- Anne Wilkins, Everett Area

- Karen Soohy, Ferndale Area
- Melissa Henderson, Ferndale Area
- Jill Vuckovich, Ferndale Area
- Tammy Ohler, Forest Hills
- Deborah Gdula, Forest Hills
- Robert Dill, Forest Hills
- Robbin Hoffman, Greater Johnstown
- Eileen Mider, Greater Johnstown
- Sue Montgomery, Hollidaysburg Area
- Roxanne Buncich, North Star
- Ann Jones, Northern Bedford County
- Pete Noel, Northern Bedford County
- Judith Toth, Northern Cambria
- Frederick Vrabel, Portage Area
- Michele Coukart, Portage Area

- Jenna Sembower, Rockwood Area
- Donald Fyfe, Shade-Central City
- Mary Ann Flynn, Somerset Area
- Erin Elliott, Tyrone Area
- Valerie Korber, Windber Area
- Monica Neri-Hamer, CSTU (Cresson Secure Treatment Unit, IU8)

