

June 25 - 29, 2006

**Academy for Teachers of Students with
Significant Cognitive Disabilities**

Full Completion of the Academy by veteran teachers (teaching one or more years) will result in a certificate that can be submitted to your local school division to request a HIGHLY QUALIFIED designation if you are teaching students who are assessed with the Virginia Alternate Assessment Program. This Academy will satisfy the Housse Institute requirement (option B).

Registration priority is given to veteran teachers
NOT currently Highly Qualified.

*3 Graduate Course Credits Available
Course Materials Provided*



Stonewall Jackson
Hotel & Conference Center
Staunton, Virginia

Registration under events at:
<http://www.ttaonline.org>

Virginia Department of Education
Office of Special Education
PO Box 2120
Richmond, VA 23218

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Sponsored by:

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What is it?

- ◆ The Teaching Academy will consist of daylong sessions that will focus on SOL core content areas of English-Reading, Mathematics, Science, and History and Social Science applicable for students with significant cognitive disabilities.
- ◆ Participants will attend daily sessions focused on one of the four content areas. At the completion of the Academy, each participant will have attended a full day session on each of the four core content areas.
- ◆ Topics, including strategies to teach aligned standards, communication skills, and assistive technology, will be embedded throughout the daily sessions.
- ◆ A recognized and respected educator with expertise in severe disabilities will kickoff the conference on Sunday evening, during our banquet.

Who should attend?

- ◆ The Teaching Academy is for veteran teachers (one or more years of experience) of students with significant cognitive disabilities who have not met Highly Qualified requirements.
- ◆ In order to receive a certificate and/or course credit, participants must complete all assignments and requirements of each daily session.

Where is it?

- ◆ The conference will be held at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel & Conference Center in Staunton, Virginia.
- ◆ Location info. can be found at www.stonewalljacksonhotel.com

Registration Information

- ◆ Registration is limited to 200 participants on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- ◆ \$90.00 registration fee covers tuition, course materials, and meals.
- ◆ Participants must make their own room reservations and are responsible for travel and room expenses.
- ◆ Registration information will be available soon under the Events/View by Months/June tab at <http://www.ttaonline.org/>
- ◆ Hard copy registration attached (**MUST CONFIRM** space availability with Laurie Comer @ 703.993.4496)

For additional information please contact:

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1.540.885.4848

Online registration is preferred: www.ttaonline.org : See the Events Tab.
To confirm space availability, YOU MUST contact Laurie Comer, GMU T/TAC
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Return by Mail or Fax
George Mason University/4400 University Drive MS: 1F2/Fairfax, VA 22030
Phone: 703.993.4496 Fax: 703.993.4497

Name: _____

School OR Program You Represent: _____

School Division/County You Represent: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ FAX _____ E-mail _____

Check here if your school division has determined that you are not Highly Qualified _____

Method of Payment: check Visa /MasterCard
Make check payable to George Mason University. A completed payment and course registration form must accompany this form.

Please Complete Each Column (Check ALL that apply)

Type of Service Provider:

- General Ed Administrator
- Special Ed Administrator
- Guidance Counselor
- Human Service Agency Staff
- Occupational Therapist
- Other Related Service Provider
- Paraprofessional
- Parent/Family
- Physical Therapist
- Speech Pathologist
- Teacher, General Education
- Teacher, Special Education
- Transition Coordinator
- University Professor/Student
- Vocational Teacher/Administrator
- Other

Program Affiliation:

- Adult Ed & Family Lit
- Early Childhood Special Ed
- Early Intervention
- Even Start
- General Education
- Head Start
- Homeless Education
- Migrant Education
- Occupational Child Care
- Preschool Initiative
- School Age Special Ed
- Title I
- Other

Main Disability Area Served:

- ADD/ADHD
- Autism
- Deaf/Blind
- Deafness
- Developmentally Delayed
- Emotional Disturbance
- Hearing Impairment
- Learning Disability
- Mental Retardation
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Severe Disability
- Speech/Language Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Vision Impairment



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CREDIT CARD

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Payment will not be accepted unless all information is provided

VISA or MasterCard **ONLY**

Card # - - -

Exp. Date: / **Amount:** \$ _____

V-Code (Last three numbers in Signature Block on back of card)

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(Please Print)

Cardholder Signature: _____

Telephone Number: - -

COURSE INFORMATION: (The following information is required for course credit)

Registrant Name: _____ SSN: _____ - _____ - _____
(Please Print)

Course/Section: EDUC 597 – Elementary Curriculum for Severe Disabilities

Semester/Year: SUMMER 2006

Course Requirements to receive graduate credit:

- Must have all payment information submitted by June 2, 2006.
- Must attend all daily sessions from start to finish.
- Must complete all session assignments.
- Must sign below indicating agreement to the above terms.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please sign and fax to (703) 993-4497

Mail: George Mason University
Attn: Laurie Comer
4400 University Drive, MSN 1F2
Fairfax, VA 22030