

South ABE Fall Regional

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Country Inn and Suites Conference Center

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This ABE training opportunity is being offered in conjunction with the MN Department of Education and the ATLAS program at Hamline University. CEUs indicating attendance will be provided.

AGENDA

- 8:00-8:45 am** **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:45-9:00 am** **Welcome and Announcements, Sakatah 1&2/Red Jacket** – *Patsy Egan, ATLAS, and Astrid Liden, Minnesota Department of Education*
- 9:00-9:45 am** **GENERAL SESSION: Southern Minnesota Labor Market Information and Employer Panel, Sakatah 1&2/Red Jacket** – *Karen Wolters, Mankato ABE* – We will hear from Mark Schultz, DEED Labor Market Analyst, who will inform us of what is happening with the economy in Southern Minnesota. In addition, three guest business leaders – Lorna Mendez (Schwickerts, Mankato and Rochester), Norma Martin (Everidge, Winnebago) and Deb Barnes (Lakeview Methodist Health Services, Fairmont) – will describe the skills that are critical for entry-level employment in our top industries of Manufacturing, Healthcare and Construction.
- 10-11:30 am** **CONCURRENT SESSION #1 (choose one):**
- (a) **Exploring the New Northstar Digital Literacy Curriculum, Riverbend Room** – *Susan Wetenkamp-Brandt, Minnesota Literacy Council* – The new Northstar Digital Literacy Curriculum is here! If you've heard about it, but aren't sure where to begin, this session is for you. We will discuss where and how to access the curriculum, get a big picture overview of how it's organized (and the instructional best practices that are reflected in its design), and explore how to integrate these lessons into your ABE instruction. Note: to download the curriculum, you will need a Northstar account. If you haven't logged into the Northstar website before, make sure to request an account from your local program administrator before attending the session, or check the website <https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/become-a-testing-location> for more information. **PLEASE BRING A LAPTOP OR CHROMEBOOK TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THIS HANDS-ON SESSION.**
- (b) **ENGLISH LEARNERS Give Your ESL Instruction an Upgrade!, Mississippi Room** – *Andrea Echelberger, Minnesota Literacy Council* – ESL teachers of all levels have a lot on their plate. In this session, discover new activities, routines, and best practices to increase engagement and deliver rigorous instruction. You'll have the opportunity to try out activities and academic routines while you network with colleagues who teach in similar levels. Learn about free online resources, including Instructional Support Kits, Classroom Videos, and the new Teacher Training Toolkit that will help you support learners and reach your instructional goals.
- (c) **New Tests, New Practices - ABE Program Panel Discussion, Minneopa Room** – *Marty Olsen, Southwest ABE and Panelists (Laura Morales, Glacial Lakes Consortium; Penny Jahnke, South East ABE; Cynthia Moreno, Mankato ABE; Monica Benavidez, Rochester Adult Literacy)* – Join us for a panel discussion about initial implementation of CASAS GOALS and TABE 11&12. Program representatives will share which assessments they're using, what challenges and successes they've had, testing resources they've developed or found, and more. Hear from ABE staff in the region about how they are adapting with the new tests, and come prepared to share your own experiences.
- (d) **MENTAL ILLNESS How Mental Illness Impacts Student Learning & What You Can Do About It, Sakatah 1&2/Red Jacket** – *Wendy Sweeney, PANDA* – Learn about student trauma and common mental health disorders. Discuss and uncover cultural views on mental health and disabilities. Discover strategies about how to manage behavior and improve learning. Gain knowledge about how to approach & help students with mental health challenges. *This course addresses the licensure area of understanding student mental illness and trauma.*
- 11:30-12:30 pm** **LUNCH – Sakatah 1&2/Red Jacket**
- 12:30-2:00 pm** **CONCURRENT SESSION #2 (choose one):**

- (a) **Making Distance Learning Work, Riverbend Room** – Susan Wetenkamp-Brandt, Minnesota Literacy Council – State ABE Staff, Minnesota Department of Education – Distance and Blended Learning options are growing in Minnesota ABE. There's a lot to know and keep track of - platforms, policies, hours tracking, instructional issues, and more. In this session, we'll answer commonly asked DL questions, and help you plan for offering distance or blended learning at your site. Managers welcome! **PLEASE BRING A LAPTOP OR CHROMEBOOK TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THIS HANDS-ON SESSION.**
- (b) **Earning a GED in a One-Room Schoolhouse, Minneopa Room** – Shari Brunes, Hutchinson ABE – Are you wondering how to help students make the most of GED.com? This session will provide a tour of the website and a detailed, step-by-step plan for helping students earn a GED® in a one-room schoolhouse setting. Participants will explore tutorials, practice tests, and will discuss how to create individualized learning plans for students that include classroom and distance learning. There will be time for sharing favorite GED resources. A guide for teachers and digital forms to copy for local use will be provided. If possible, bring your device and follow along electronically.
- (c) **Racial Equity 101, Sakatah 1&2/Red Jacket** – Wendy Roberts and Andrea Echelberger, Minnesota Literacy Council – Join us for a presentation and conversation on racial equity. During this session, we'll discuss important terms, including racism, white supremacy, white privilege and white fragility. We'll also practice responding to instances of racism in various scenarios. You'll leave with resources to address and dismantle racism. This is a great session for those who are newer to conversations on race or those who would like to share their knowledge and experiences with others. All are welcome!
- (d) **READING The ABCs of Building Text Sets: Social Justice in a Standards-based Classroom** – Tammy Twiggs, SPCLC - Hubbs Center – As a busy ABE Educator, how can you build curriculum with a social justice lens that addresses the needs of Adult learners? Are you interested in a simple approach to using your own materials and resources to create text sets on topics relevant to the learners in your classroom? Join me in this fun session as we navigate how to build a Quad Text set, analyze the importance of Critical Literacy in Adult Education, and rethink how to use your curriculum resources to meet standards through a Social Justice lens.

2:00-2:15 pm **Break**

2:15-3:45 pm **CONCURRENT SESSION #3 (choose one):**

- (a) **You Got Them, Now How to Keep Them: A Deep Look into Retention, Riverbend Room** – Kristy Rooney, Austin Adult Learning – Retention seems to be the never-ending issue in most programs. While we don't have complete control over our students' lives, let's look at what we can control. The first half of this session will be an explanation of the "6 Levels of Engagement" and the neuroscience behind what causes students to move up or down in engagement. The second half of this session will be breaking down the potential causes of retention issues, hearing how one program is starting to address these issues, and giving time for attendees to share what is working in their programs concerning the topics addressed. Session participants will leave with a better understanding of human engagement levels and some ideas to bring back to their program.
- (b) **READING Spreading the ELA Love: Incorporating the CCRS ELA Standards into your Social Studies & Science Curriculum, Sakatah 1&2/Red Jacket** – John Trerotola, Robbinsdale AAP and Kristine Kelly, ATLAS – The CCRS ELA Standards are not just for English anymore! In this very interactive session, content-area teachers will provide classroom ready ideas on how to incorporate many of the ELA Anchors and related benchmarks into your social studies and science curriculum. There will be the opportunity to review and apply plenty of leveled social studies and science resources and, most importantly, you will leave with content specific mini-lessons and activities that can be adapted to your classroom.
- (c) **Tear it up: Students Creating Representations of Common Math Concepts Using Paper, Minneopa Room** – Rebecca Strom, Mankato ABE – Manipulatives and visual representations help students see and feel mathematical concepts so they can make sense of them. In this session, participants will make several representations for various mathematical concepts, including fractions, integers, angles, and more. These hands-on activities are ones that students can make using only paper. Participants will make various models to take with them for reference.

3:45-4:00 pm **CEUs at ATLAS Registration Table**

WORKSHOP INFORMATION:

Registration:

Cost: \$25.00

\$15.00 late fee for those registering after the registration date of October 25 by 4 p.m. CST.

Register online at www.atlasabe.org

Hotel Accommodations:

ATLAS has reserved a room block for Thursday night at a discounted rate of \$109.00 plus tax. To make a reservation, contact the Country Inn & Suites at 1-507-388-8555. BE SURE TO MENTION SOUTH ABE FALL REGIONAL.

NOTE: DISCOUNTED ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE UNTIL OCTOBER 18, 2019.

Travel Scholarships:

Travel scholarships will be awarded to all those traveling over 50 miles one-way to Country Inn & Suites. **NEW: There is no application this time!** Simply collect a receipt showing a ZERO balance from the hotel (if applicable), and submit that along with your [ATLAS invoice](#) after the event. ATLAS will cover 100% of mileage and one night's hotel expenses (*for only the negotiated rate of \$109.00 plus tax*).

DOC teachers: Please note that ATLAS is not permitted to reimburse state employees; therefore, travel expense reimbursements must go to your facility.

South Regional Cancellations:

Due to non-refundable costs incurred for venue bookings and catering, registrations cancelled less than **5 business days prior** to an ATLAS-sponsored event will not be eligible for reimbursement and will be billed at the normal rate.

In the case you must cancel after this time, you are encouraged to send a substitute if possible. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Questions:

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**NOTE: Registrations must be received by
October 25, 2019 to avoid late fee**