

REGISTRATION

PEPNet 2008

Putting the Pieces Together

Hyatt Regency Columbus
Columbus, Ohio
April 15-18, 2008



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Postsecondary Education Programs Network

**Registration Deadline:
March 31, 2008**

To register online, visit <http://www.pepnetparticipants.utk.edu/>

PEPNet 2008: *Putting the Pieces Together*

The Postsecondary Education Programs Network (PEPNet) will hold its biennial conference April 15-18, 2008, in Columbus, Ohio. PEPNet is funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services. This conference will provide opportunities for further professional development as well as for networking with peers who provide similar services. In addition to the full conference, several pre-conference workshops will be scheduled. These workshops will provide a limited number of participants the opportunity for more in-depth training on specific topics. Poster sessions will also be included to showcase best practices and program models.

The PEPNet biennial conference offers an opportunity to bring a variety of professionals together including administrators, counselors, interpreters,

tutors, and faculty members from developmental studies as well as college-level courses. Interested secondary-level faculty and staff and adult service providers from rehabilitation agencies and centers for independent living may also participate. At the biennial conference, we strive to address issues and concerns expressed by direct-service personnel, and we expect informative concurrent sessions designed to promote new strategies in service delivery. The upcoming conference theme, *Putting the Pieces Together*, emphasizes the experiences our conference participants have in providing services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing, and also their creativity in developing new strategies and resources to address the needs of a changing population of students.

Tentative Conference Schedule

Tuesday, April 15

8:00 - 8:00 Registration open
8:30 - 12:00 Pre-conference sessions
1:00 - 4:30 Pre-conference sessions
7:00 - 8:30 Plenary session
8:30 - 10:00 Reception

Wednesday, April 16

8:00 - 5:00 Registration open
8:00 - 9:15 Poster sessions
9:30 - 10:45 Plenary session
11:00 - 12:15 Breakout sessions
12:15 - 1:30 Lunch break
12:30 - 5:00 Exhibits open
1:30 - 4:30 Breakout sessions
7:00 - 9:00 Evening activities

Thursday, April 17

8:00 - 5:00 Registration open
8:00 - 5:00 Exhibits open
8:30 - 11:15 Breakout sessions
11:30 - 12:30 Hot topics sessions
12:30 - 1:45 Lunch break
1:45 - 3:00 Plenary session
3:30 - 4:45 Breakout session
7:00 - 9:00 Evening activities

Friday, April 18

8:00 - 11:00 Registration open
8:00 - 11:30 Exhibits open
8:30 - 11:15 Breakout sessions
11:30 - 2:00 Luncheon and plenary session

Pre-Conference Sessions

PEPNet 2008: *Putting the Pieces Together* offers several pre-conference topics for those participants interested in more in-depth coverage of these areas.

PRE-CONFERENCE #1:
Tuesday, April 15: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Anticipating Diversity: Weaving Universal Design into Your Campus Tapestry and Beyond

Sharon Downs and Melanie Thornton

You are cordially invited to a highly confidential planning meeting for a campaign for change here at Anytown University. Only those who are openly committed to the values of inclusion and universal design are invited. Join us as we explore the strategic planning process as a tool for moving our campus forward. We will review the values that drive current practice, explore the tenets of organizational change, and discuss the social model of disability and universal design as guiding principles for reframing disability and moving our campus forward toward the vision of universal design. Please come prepared to share your ideas and begin the work of opening minds and changing the culture here at Anytown U. and in our community.

This workshop is limited to 25 participants.

PRE-CONFERENCE #2:
Tuesday, April 15: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Serving Hard of Hearing Students: Interpreting Documentation, Understanding Functional Impact, and Providing Appropriate Accommodations

Cheryl D. Davis and Samuel R. Atcherson

Service providers face a number of challenges in evaluating the needs of hard of hearing students who rely on auditory/oral and/or print means of communication. While documentation for some students clearly justifies specific accommodations, for others it does not. Many service providers are faced with the difficult task of justifying to administrators why the services are necessary. This session will provide participants an understanding of the functional limitations created by hearing loss and the access options available, arming them with the knowledge and confidence to advocate for students' access needs. Participants will have the opportunity to talk with an audiologist who is himself a cochlear implant user to have their hearing loss and documentation

questions answered. Hearing assistance technologies also will be available to explore.

This workshop is limited to 45 participants.

PRE-CONFERENCE #3:
Tuesday, April 15: 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Growing Your Own: One Approach for Increasing the Quantity and Quality of Service Providers in Your Organization

Ginny Chiaverina, Bambi Riehl,
and Chris Skoczynski

Many postsecondary institutions and agencies experience difficulty finding sign language interpreters and speech to text providers. Not only are there not enough service providers, in addition, those available are often new to the field. One approach to addressing this issue is "growing your own," by incorporating interpreter and speech-to-text provider hard and soft skill development into the daily life of the organization.

The workshop, geared towards those in leadership roles, will begin by offering four "frames" that can be used to develop an organizational foundation in which effective in-house professional development programs can flourish. Participants will then explore examples of in-house professional development strategies that can be instituted once an appropriate organization foundation has been established.

This workshop is limited to 25 participants.

PRE-CONFERENCE #4:
Tuesday, April 15: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

More Bang for Your Buck: Using Technology to Enhance Services

Cindy Camp, Jennie Bourgeois, Amy Hebert,
and Michelle Swaney

In today's technologically fast paced world of Deaf and Hard of Hearing services, we are constantly being asked to provide more with less. This presentation will focus on advances in technology that can help us provide quality training to our staff and resources to our consumers while saving money. Not all technology is economical or efficient. We will talk about the pros and cons of various systems and techniques that are being used in communication and service delivery.

This workshop is limited to 45 participants.

PEPNet 2008 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:		
Name:	Title:	
Name you prefer to have on your name badge:		
Organization:		
Address 1:	Address 2:	
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	Email:
In case of emergency, please contact:		
Name:		
Relationship:	Phone/contact information:	
Approximate number of clients/students you serve who are deaf or hard of hearing:		
Are you interested in a roommate referral list? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		
<i>Other than sign language interpreters or captioning, please indicate any other accommodation requests:</i>		
CONFERENCE FEES:		
Check Preferred Session	Pre-conference sessions will be held from 8:30 – 11:30 (morning sessions) and 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. (afternoon sessions) on Tuesday, April 15, 2008. Topic selections:	Fee:
	1. Anticipating Diversity: Weaving Universal Design into Your Campus Tapestry and Beyond	75. ⁰⁰
	2. Serving Hard of Hearing Students: Interpreting Documentation, Understanding Functional Impact, and Providing Appropriate Accommodations	75. ⁰⁰
	3. Growing Your Own: One Approach for Increasing the Quantity and Quality of Service Providers in Your Organization	50. ⁰⁰
	4. More Bang for Your Buck: Using Technology to Enhance Services	50. ⁰⁰
Main conference sessions:		
Main conference opens at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 15. Fee includes all regular conference sessions opening reception, closing luncheon conference materials and proceedings.		250. ⁰⁰
Daily Rate (Select Which Day Attending): _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday _____ Friday		100. ⁰⁰
CEUs:		
Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) Continuing Education Units		10. ⁰⁰
University of Tennessee Continuing Education Units		10. ⁰⁰
Student Registration:		
(For full-time graduate or undergraduate students in related professional areas, faculty signature required.) <i>Faculty signature</i> _____		100. ⁰⁰
<i>Make checks payable to:</i> University of Tennessee. Total amount enclosed:		\$
CREDIT CARD INFORMATION: _____ VISA _____ Mastercard _____ AmEX _____ Discover		
Name:		
Card #:	Exp Date:	

*Please note that the Participant Registration Form and Registration fees should be sent to:
 UT Conferences, P.O. Box 2648, Knoxville, TN 37901
 Fax #: 865-974-0264

PEPNet 2008 Conference Stipend Request

A limited number of stipends are available to cover a portion of the costs associated with the conference. Stipends will be issued in the form of checks payable to individuals, not institutions. The deadline for stipend requests is **February 25, 2008**. Stipends will be distributed on a limited basis, and priority will be given to participants from secondary/postsecondary educational programs and human services agencies. Confirmation of stipend awards will be made within 30 days of application submission. Early requests are recommended. If you are interested in applying for a stipend, please take the following steps:

<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Register for the conference – either online or by mailing in your completed registration form and fee. . Send this to the University of Tennessee.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Complete the information form below. Please type the information or print clearly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Submit information regarding your role, what you hope to learn from this conference, how the conference will be of benefit to you, and how you will share the information you learned with colleagues in your institution or agency.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Mail or fax your stipend request to the PEPNet Regional Center serving your state (see listings below). Conference registration form and registration fee should be sent separately to the University of Tennessee.

Mail, email or fax your stipend request to the PEPNet Regional Center serving your state.

PEPNet-South

Attention: PEPNet 2008 Stipend Requests
The University of Tennessee
A239 Bailey Education Complex
Knoxville, TN 37996-3454
865-974-0607 (V/T) 865-974-3522 (Fax)
Email: <pepnetsouth@pepnet.org>

PEPNet-Midwest

Attention: PEPNet 2008 Stipend Requests
St. Paul College
235 Marshall Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102-1807
651-846-1337 (V) • 651-846-1537 (T)
651-221-1339 (Fax)
Email: <pepnetmidwest@pepnet.org>

PEPNet-Northeast

Attention: PEPNet 2008 Stipend Requests
NTID at Rochester Institute of Technology
52 Lomb Memorial Drive
Rochester, NY 14623-5604
585-475-6433 (V/T) 585-475-7660 (Fax)
Email: <pepnetnortheast@rit.edu>

PEPNet-West

Attention: PEPNet 2008 Stipend Requests
California State University, Northridge
National Center on Deafness
18111 Nordhoff Street
Northridge, CA 91330-8267
818-677-2099 (V/TTY)
818-677-6270 (Fax)
Email: <pepnetwest@pepnet.org >

PEPNet-South serves Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

PEPNet-Northeast serves Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virgin Islands.

PEPNet-Midwest serves Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

PEPNet-West serves Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

PEPNet 2008 Conference Stipend Request Form

April 15-18, 2008 Columbus, Ohio

Name:		Title:	
SSN:			
Home address line 1:			
Home address line 2:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	Email (Please Print):	
Institution Name:		Institution Fax (if applicable):	
Signature:		Date:	

Please select the category that best describes your position or job setting:

<input type="checkbox"/> Interpreter	<input type="checkbox"/> Transition Specialist
<input type="checkbox"/> Speech-to-Text Services Provider	<input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Rehabilitation Staff
<input type="checkbox"/> Disability Services Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Support Professional
<input type="checkbox"/> College/University Faculty and Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Vocational-Technical Programs/School Staff
<input type="checkbox"/> High School Faculty and Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Agency/Community-based Organization Staff
<input type="checkbox"/> 4-Year College/University Administrator	<input type="checkbox"/> Community-based Organization Administrator
<input type="checkbox"/> 2-Year Community/Technical College Administrator	<input type="checkbox"/> Employer
<input type="checkbox"/> High School Administrator	<input type="checkbox"/> Student
<input type="checkbox"/> Education Department Personnel	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent
<input type="checkbox"/> Deaf Community Member	

Please describe your reasons for requesting this stipend, including any personal development and job-related growth you anticipate from attending the workshop/conference. Include other facts you consider relevant to this award. (Please limit your answer to 300 words or less. You may attach a separate sheet.)

Please describe how you will share what you learn at this activity/training with your colleagues and how it pertains to PEPNet objectives. (Please limit your answer to 150 words or less. You may attach a separate sheet.)

Confirmation of stipend awards will be made within 30 days of application submission.

Hotel Reservation Information

Hyatt Regency Columbus at the Greater Columbus Convention Center Columbus, Ohio

To make reservations by phone, call Hyatt Regency Columbus: 1-800-233-1234

Group name: PEPNet 2008 Conference

Meeting dates: April 15-18, 2008

We look forward to welcoming you to the Hyatt Regency Columbus. In order to guarantee your reservation, please enclose a one-night room deposit, including tax, or send us your VISA, MASTERCARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS, or DISCOVER card number, expiration date, and your authorization for billing of deposit. Reservations received without a deposit will not be confirmed. To insure space availability, reservations should be received 30 days prior to arrival. Deposit refundable if canceled at least 72 hours prior to arrival. Guaranteed reservations must be cancelled by 6:00 p.m. on the day of arrival to avoid a no-show charge. Reservations received after March 17, 2008 subject to availability.

The rate for guest rooms for the PEPNet conference (single to quadruple occupancy) is \$129 per night plus 16.75% state and local taxes.

Name(s):		
Organization:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Arrival Date:		Number of Nights:
Phone:		Fax:
Type of Credit Card:	Credit Card Number:	Expiration Date:
Signature:		
Special Requests:		

Hyatt Regency Columbus at the Greater Columbus Convention Center



350 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio USA 43215
1-800-233-1234
Tel: 614-463-1234
Fax: 614-280-3046

Mention PEPNet 2008 to receive group rates.

PEPNet 2008: General Information

Registration Deadline?

Completed registration form and payment should be received by **March 31, 2008**. UT Conferences will send confirmation letters upon receipt of your registration information. Online registration and payment is available, to register online visit: <http://www.pepnetparticipants.utk.edu/>

Late Registration?

If you are registering for the conference after **March 31, 2008**, please call the PEPNet-South Central Office at (865) 974-0607 (v/t) or email pepnet-south@pepnet.org to confirm that space is still available.

Cancellations and Refunds?

Conference registration fees will be refunded to persons who withdraw from this conference by notifying UT Conferences in writing either by e-mail Conferences@utk.edu or fax 865-974-0264 on or before **March 17, 2008**. The conference cancellation fee is \$25. **After March 17, 2008, no refund will be given.**

UTK Continuing Education Units?

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Non-Credit Programs will offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for this conference. Information regarding the process for receiving CEUs will be available at the registration desk. Cost is \$10.00.

Accessibility?

Interpreters and captioning will be available for all conference sessions. Please indicate any other accessibility requests on your registration form. Advance requests give us time to ensure that appropriate services can be arranged.

For further information contact:

PEPNet-South

The University of Tennessee
A239 Bailey Education Complex
Knoxville, TN 37996-3454
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(865) 974-3522 (fax)
Pepnet-south@pepnet.org



Information will be posted on <http://www.pepnet.org>

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RID Continuing Education Units?

Approval for continuing education units has been requested from the RID. Specific information regarding the number of CEUs, content areas, and instructional levels will be available after the conference program is finalized. Information regarding the process for receiving CEUs will be available at the registration desk. Cost is \$10.00.

Stipend Request Deadline?

The deadline for stipend requests is **March 18, 2008**. Not all applicants will receive stipends. It is recommended that you make your request early to the regional center for your state.

Hotel?

Contact the Hyatt Regency Columbus
1-800-233-1234
Tel: 614-463-1234
Fax: 614-280-3046

Identify yourself as a member of the PEPNet 2008 (Postsecondary Education Programs Network) conference for the group rate and to reserve hotel accommodations of \$129 per night (single or double) plus 16.75% tax. Rooms at the conference rate are available through **March 17, 2008**, and are limited; please make your reservations as soon as possible. Reservations received after the cut-off date will be honored on a space available basis at the best available rate.