

NEW
ONLINE
COURSES

WORKING WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO
ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING
AND
VOCATIONAL SERVICES FOR
PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD
OF HEARING



Providing ethical services to people who are deaf or hard of hearing can present a unique challenge for service providers, whether they are new to the field of rehabilitation or seasoned professionals. The goal of these courses is to enhance professionals' abilities to understand and effectively provide services for individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

Working with Individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing focuses on communication and culture aspects. Units include Deaf Culture and Language, Working with Sign Language Interpreters, and Assistive Listening Devices. This course is appropriate for people with minimal experience with individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

Vocational Services for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing is a more advanced course recommended for professionals who have some familiarity with psychometric testing or are willing to learn about testing concepts. The goal is to increase participants' familiarity with the range of services available to individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing and enable them to make effective referrals or increase their abilities to provide services themselves. Units include Employment Services, Psychometric Assessment, and Vocational Assessment.

Ten credit hours/1 CEU will be provided for each course. Two of the ten hours in each course are ethics credits. CRC credits are pre-approved.



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Cost:

\$75 per person per course or \$125 for both courses taken consecutively
Group rates available for organizations registering five or more people

Dates and registration available at
<http://rlr.uwstout.edu> and <http://www.pepnet.org>

Who Would Benefit From Taking These Courses?

- Public and Private Rehabilitation Counselors
- Vocational Evaluators
- Job Placement Specialists and Job Developers
- Assistive Technology Practitioners
- University Disability Services Advisors
- Special and Regular Educators
- Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists
- Occupational Communication Specialists & Sign Language Interpreters
- Anyone interested in learning more about working with people who are deaf or hard of hearing

“The points brought up by the others in the class made me think differently and learn about new resources.”

-past participant

What Can I Expect?

These 5-week courses are offered in an entirely online format through an educational software program called Desire to Learn. A course facilitator is available to answer any questions you have and monitor your progress. You and a group of others from around the United States will complete the course together. You are able to work on the course 24/7, wherever internet access is available.

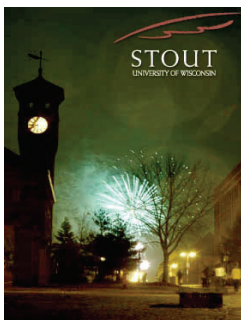
Each course contains three units consisting of an hour-long presentation on the topic by a content expert. Transcripts are also available and videos are captioned. One unit will be available each week and during the final two weeks, all three units will be available. Before you watch the presentations, you will take a pre-test to determine your current level of knowledge. After watching the presentation, you will take a post-test to see your improvement. Activities and asynchronous online discussions allow you to apply what you have learned. Weekly participation of approximately 2 hours is required to provide continuous interaction and facilitate networking on the discussion board.

These courses were developed through a collaboration between...



PEPNet Midwest

PEPNet's mission is to improve transition services and educational access for students who are deaf or hard of hearing, including those with co-occurring disabilities. PEPNet's four regional centers work collaboratively to provide a broad variety of best practices and resources where and when they are needed to enhance educational opportunities. PEPNet offers consultation, training, professional development, cutting-edge technical assistance and other resources to educational institutions such as colleges and universities as well as programs in secondary education, community rehabilitation, continuing education, adult basic education, and vocational/technical training. Website: www.pepnet.org



Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute (SVRI)

SVRI, located at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, provides solutions to positively impact the lives of people with disabilities and others in the community through education, research, and services. CARF accredited services provided by SVRI include assistive technology, vocational evaluation, and job placement. On-site and online training opportunities are offered in various content areas. Website: www.uwstout.edu/svri