

Anne Carlsen Center Conference



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IT'S A BALANCING ACT
*Balanced Literacy and Students
with Significant Disabilities*

Date and Times June 4 & 5
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Both days
Location Quality Inn and Suites, 507 25th Street SW, Jamestown, ND, 58401

Workshop Description

For students with significant disabilities, literacy learning is often a passive event, with these individuals listening to stories, but engaging in minimal independent reading and little or no writing. This workshop will focus on interactive literacy learning for students with significant disabilities, including students who use augmentative and alternative communication. A balanced approach to literacy instruction will be described and demonstrated.

Learning Objectives for Participants

- Identify three strategies for Guided Reading.
- Lead students in Self-Selected Reading.
- Identify appropriate writing strategies using high and light tech devices.
- Lead students in Working with Words.

Speaker Bio

Dr. Caroline Musselwhite is an assistive technology specialist with more than 25 years of experience working with children and adolescents with severe disabilities. Dr. Musselwhite has worked in a variety of settings including Head Start, developmental day programs and public schools. She has also taught courses at several universities, including Northeastern University, West Virginia University and Western Carolina University. She has authored a number of textbooks and how-to books on a range of topics including Emergent Literacy Success, Communication Programming for Persons with Severe Handicaps, and Reading Activities Project for Older Students (R.A.P.S.). Dr. Musselwhite has also authored a number of software programs (Write to Talk, Social Scripts) and books (Learning to Work) for youth with disabilities. She has presented thousands of workshops throughout the world and is a founding member of the Board of Directors for the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication. Honors include: Foundation Fellowship (West Virginia University), Educator of the Year (Association for Retarded Citizens, North Carolina), Honors of the Association (North Carolina Augmentative Communication Association), and DiCarlo Outstanding Clinician Award (North Carolina Speech-Language-Hearing Association).

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Graduate workshop credit and CEUs are pending.