



Announcing an online class from

The Changing Role of AT Teams - Online

Instructors : *Gayl Bowser—M.S. Ed., AT Specialist & Denise DeCoste—Ed.D., OTR, Special Educator, AT Specialist*

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About the Class: In this asynchronous online class, we will challenge you to move forward and address the changing role of your AT team. Course activities including webinars, video recordings, and online discussion forums will give you an opportunity to analyze your current service model to build agency-wide capacity. We will focus on improving service delivery in a time of varying service models including virtual, blended and in person education settings. We will discuss ways to build agency capacity for improved AT services and use online tools to increase efficiency collect data, plan effective outreach. Course discussions will provide time to share thoughts and ideas. You will identify areas of need for your team, rethink the vision for your AT services, and create a multi-faceted 3-year plan.

Who Should Attend? AT team members are encouraged, but not required to attend together. Whether you are an individual AT practitioner or part of a local school-based AT team, you will leave with a clear, detailed plan to move into the next decade of AT services. If you are part of a team that provides AT services in public schools, then this course is right for you. Participants include any person who is a member of their agency's AT team including, SLPs, OTs, teachers, school, IT staff, administrators, and any others member.

Outcomes

Participants will:

- develop and articulate a vision for their teams' AT services
- create a 3-year plan for improving AT services
- create a plan for virtual AT services and service adjustments in response to the pandemic.
- identify new ways to build the capacity of the educators to independently provide AT services.
- identify ways to increase access to information about AT and restructure professional development

The cost of the full course is \$495.00.

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About the presenters.



Denise DeCoste is an occupational therapist and a special educator with many years of experience in the field of assistive technology (AT). For two decades, she led high and low incidence AT teams for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), the 14th largest school district in the U.S. In 2003, she began building awareness of UDL in MCPS and systematically implementing UDL across schools in the district. She has developed products and processes to identify AT for reading and writing. She has authored publications on augmentative communication, and on AT services in school settings.



Gayl Bowser is an independent consultant whose work focuses on the creation of effective, legal and high-quality services for technology use in educational programs for students with disabilities. Formerly the Coordinator of the Oregon Technology Access Program (OTAP) and the U.S. State of Oregon's Specialist in Assistive Technology, Gayl provides consultation, training and technical assistance throughout the United States and internationally. She is a teacher by training, a founding member of the Quality Indicators for Assistive Technology (QIAT) Consortium a co-author, with Penny Reed of *Leading the way to Excellence in AT Services* and several other books about assistive technology.

Financial Disclosures:

Denise DeCoste receives an honorarium for this class. She is the author of the Written Productivity Profile and the Protocol for Accommodations in Reading. She receives royalties from Don Johnston for these tools. Dr. DeCoste has no relevant non-financial relationships.

Gayl Bowser receives an honorarium for this class. She is a co-author of Leading the Way to Excellence in AT Services: A Guide for School Administrators and Quality Indicators for Assistive Technology: A Comprehensive Guide to AT Services. She receives royalties from CAST Publishing for these publications. Gayl has no relevant non-financial relationships.



University credits are available.

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Link to register:

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