

Adult Application for Participation in Literacy in Disabilities Camp

June 16 – 22, 2018
Camp Friendship
Annandale, Minnesota

Literacy in Disabilities will be a Level One (1) course, provided under the direction of Drs. David Koppenhaver and Karen Erickson. This is an intensive weeklong course to support educational outcomes for students who are struggling readers. During Camp, adult professionals will work 50 hours during the week, combining both classroom experiences and implementation of skills with student campers. Participants will learn how to assess and support literacy for individuals with a range of disabilities. Each participant will be assigned to a small group of educators and campers and will be responsible for writing no more than two camper reports which will be shared with the campers' parents and school. Although the campers will be adolescents, the information presented by Drs. Koppenhaver and Erickson will be applicable to struggling readers of any age. Lesson plans, resources and report writing support, including a report template, will be given. Video for teaching purposes will be taken throughout the session. Participants should bring a laptop computer and a flash drive. This session will be limited to 20 adult participants. Partial scholarships (\$1,000 per person) are available to professionals working in Minnesota public schools from the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). Adult participants are expected to pay the balance of the cost of participation (\$150 per person). MDE will work with you so that you can continue to share the skills you have learned and strategies to implement them more broadly in your school district.

Applicants should complete the next page of this application and return it to MDE with the required narrative components of this application. Applications are due to Kursten Dubbels at MDE by February 9, 2018. MDE will confirm via email if you have been accepted to Camp by March 1, 2018. It is critical for applicants to know that they are expected to attend all sessions of camp and to be able to stay at camp for the duration of the program.

Accommodations

Camp Friendship is on Clearwater Lake, 60 miles northwest of the Twin Cities near Annandale, Minnesota. The fully accessible camp offers modern cabins and facilities.

Meals

Food is typical camp food and is served family style. There will be an alternate choice for vegetarians. There will be plenty of snacks for the adults as well as filtered water and coffee.

Application information needed:

Name of applicant

Emergency contact - name and telephone

Applicant home address

Applicant work email

Telephone - work and personal

Applicant home email

District/organization in which you work

Names of team members with whom you are applying

County in which you work

Position in school

Can you bring a laptop (yes or no)

Accommodation or dietary request

Please check all areas in which you have licensure or participate in a district, regional or statewide network:

AAC

D/HH

P/HD/TBI

AT

Deaf-Blind

SLP

Autism

EBD

Reading Licensure

B/VI

DCD

LD

Application Process:

Although individual applications will be considered, priority will be given to adult participants applying as district or building teams. The intent is that teams will collaborate in their district to provide technical support and professional development to their peers to systemically implement these strategies. Teams will consist of two to five members each, with team makeup determined at the discretion of the applying district. A team may consist of general or special educators, speech and language pathologists, administrators, assistive technology specialists, or others with responsibilities related to helping struggling readers. It is expected that all team members will continue to teach in the school or district hosting the team. Attendees will be required to participate in follow-up activities sponsored by MDE. It is expected that administrators will approve release time for additional professional development and support implementation of strategies in the local education agency. All application materials from a team should be submitted together. All team members must provide contact information and individual answers to essay questions.

Required Narrative:

Provide a written response to the questions below. Participants applying as a team need to fill out an individual response for all questions, although collaboration between team members is encouraged. It is typical that there are more applicants than slots. A waiting list is developed in case an opening becomes available. It is possible that not all team members are accepted to camp, which makes the individual essay responses critical.

Attach your response on additional sheets. Please limit your response to no more than three pages. **Failure to respond to the essay questions will result in your application being automatically rejected.**

1. Are you applying as an individual or as a team? (If applying as a team, please include all team member names. Please also submit all applications together.)
2. If applying as a team, please provide information on how the team anticipates collaborative practice.
3. Why do you want to participate in this camp?
4. What strategies are currently in place in your district aligning with literacy initiatives?
5. With what state-supported initiatives is your district aligned (e.g., PBIS, UDL, AT Teams, etc.)?
6. How were the team members chosen from your district?
7. What is your plan to implement what you have learned in your district, coop or region?

Cost

The cost of this experience is **\$940** for the course and **\$210** for room and board, for a total of \$1,150. Professionals working in Minnesota public schools are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship. Scholarship recipients are expected to pay the remaining \$150 cost of participation.

Scholarship selection will be made based on geographic and team representation and quality of response to questions. It may be possible that all team members may not be accepted. Individuals not accepted may be placed on a waiting list in the event of openings.

Return this form by February 9, 2018 to:

Kursten Lass Dubbels
Minnesota Department of Education
1500 Highway 36 W
Roseville, MN 55113

Three (3) graduate credits will be available from Hamline University for an additional fee.

It is anticipated that all slots for adult participants will be filled by scholarship recipients. [View information on Literacy Camp](http://mnliteracycamp.weebly.com) (<http://mnliteracycamp.weebly.com>) [and Camp Courage](http://truefriends.org/camp/) (<http://truefriends.org/camp/>) online. Your students are encouraged to attend and share this literacy experience. Student dates: June 17-22, 2018.