

## PD Center News

### Annette Lamb at NCES PDC



In partnership with NHSTE, the NCES PD Center is excited to announce that Dr. Annette Lamb will be speaking at NCES on April 3. Dr. Lamb, one of this year's keynote speakers at the Christa

McAuliffe Technology Conference, has been an elementary library media specialist, computer teacher, and professor of education. As president of Lamb Learning Group, she writes, speaks, and conducts professional development workshops, presentations, and keynotes throughout North America, focusing on ways to more effectively integrate technology into the classroom. Her website, [Eduscapes.com](http://Eduscapes.com), includes a wide range of award-winning, free resources for educators.

### Earn a Master's Degree in the North Country

Haverhill Cooperative School District is hosting an informational session for Lesley University's two Master of Education Programs on Monday December 5th from 5pm to 7pm at the Woodsville High School Library. In one weekend per month, earn a M.Ed degree in *Technology in Education* or *Literacy: Language, Reading and Writing*. Lesley University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. You may obtain more information by contacting Phedra Hamilton [phamilt1@lesley.edu](mailto:phamilt1@lesley.edu) or 781-3899, or Bruce Labs, [b\\_labs@sau23.k12.nh.us](mailto:b_labs@sau23.k12.nh.us) or 787-2113.

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## Essential Technology Skills for the 21st Century Classroom

### Tools for meeting the ICT Literacy Standards

**Instructor:** Paula Churchill, NCES PD Center Technology Integrator

**Dates:** Tuesdays, January 10, January 24, February 7, March 14, March 28, April 11, May 2, and May 16, 2006

**Time:** 4:00 to 7:30

**Cost:** Members \$100, Associates \$125, Non-Members \$150

**Meals:** A meal will be provided at all sessions.

**Optional Credit:** Three graduate credits available through PSU for additional cost \$400.

Interested in becoming a more effective classroom teacher by utilizing technology to benefit student achievement? Learn how to integrate technology in a "stress free" atmosphere. Educators from kindergarten through high school are invited to attend.

*Course Topics:*

- Tips and tricks to streamline your skills
- Excel: basics plus filtering, sorting and graphing
- PowerPoint: interactive presentations
- MovieMaker: making movies to document classroom activities and use with students

**Prerequisite:** You must have basic skills in saving files, emailing and navigating in the Windows operating system.

To register, contact Becky Ring 466-5437 or [becky@ncedservices.org](mailto:becky@ncedservices.org).

## Director's Notes

In this, the beginning of the holiday season, I am reminded that we need to take the time to reflect on all of the positives in our lives. As another year winds down, it is therapeutic to review where we are vs. where we would like to be. Abraham Lincoln once said that if you look for the bad in people and events, you surely will find it. So, here is my personal list of positives that I am thankful for from a professional perspective:

1. To be the leader of an organization that promotes collaboration.
2. To be in a position of leveraging resources that promote effective education practice.
3. The opportunity to witness ideas that become reality.
4. The dedication and selfless contribution of individuals who promote education as an investment in individuals.
5. The intelligence and talent of those I am privileged to interact with on a regular basis.
6. I am most thankful for those in our communities and schools who consistently think of ways to work better together and to improve services using NCES as the vehicle.

This is not meant to be a comprehensive list, but merely a reflection on where I am professionally at this point in time. I sincerely appreciate the involvement and contribution of those who actively work to make NCES and our services better. I wish you a wonderful holiday season and look forward to greater achievements for the North Country in the new year to come.

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## Praxis II Reviews for Elementary Content Test

NCES in partnership with the CEIL Project is offering content review sessions for teachers who are preparing to take the Praxis II Elementary Content Test (0014) to achieve Highly Qualified Teacher Status. The following sessions will review the corresponding content topics in the Praxis II Elementary Content Test (0014) Test at a Glance found at [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis).

### Mathematics and General Praxis Preparation Strategies & Tips

Monday, January 23, 2006 from 4:00 to 7:30

Presenter: Nathan Snyder

Please bring a calculator.

### Language Arts Review

Monday, January 30, 2006 from 4:00 to 6:30

Presenter: Linda Stimson

### Science Review\*

**Part I: Life science; inquiry; science, technology and society; and common themes**

Monday, February 6, 2006 from 4:00 to 7:30

Presenter: Sandra Kent

**Part II: Earth science and physical science**

Tuesday, February 7, 2006 from 4:00 to 7:30

Presenter: Paul Williams

\*Two-parts, but counts as one session for cost.

### Social Studies Review

Monday, February 13, 2006 from 4:00 to 7:30

Presenter: To be announced.

**Location:** NCES, Gorham, NH. Videoconferenced locations may include Groveton and Woodsville. Call for details on video conference locations.

#### Cost:

Member school staff: \$20/session

Associate member school staff: \$30/session

Non-Members: \$35/session

Cost includes refreshments, supper and certificate of participation.

Registration is required: 800-268-5437 or 466-5437.

**For more on the Praxis including training in December to be a content review leader, visit the professional development section of [www.ncedservices.org](http://www.ncedservices.org)**

## Wilson Reading System: Two-Day Overview

**Presenter:** Wilson Reading System Trainer

**Date/Time:** December 5 & 6, 2006 from 9:00 to 3:00

**Cost:** Member School Staff \$250/person, Associates \$300, Non-Members \$350.

**Kits:** Wilson Starter Set - optional, additional \$165/kit

**Meals:** Refreshments and lunch will be provided. NCES may not be able to accommodate special dietary requirements.

Visit [www.ncedservices.org](http://www.ncedservices.org) for full description.

## Online Pilot Course: Standards Based Health Education Assessment

**Instructor:** Nancy Emberley

**Date/Time:** First class, face-to-face on January 5th, 2006 and then online ending the week of February 5, 2006.

**Location:** The face-to-face session is tentatively scheduled for the Littleton area.

**Cost:** Free

**For:** New Hampshire health educators only

**Participation Incentive:** First 10 registrants only will receive a \$25 gift card (for major retailer) by attending the face-to-face session on January 5. Successfully complete and provide feedback on the course and receive a \$50 gift card.

**Registration and questions:** Contact Lori Langlois, [lori@ncedservices.org](mailto:lori@ncedservices.org) (note, you must have a valid email account and reliable Internet access to participate).

The purpose of this professional development online course is to introduce participants to standards-based health education and assessment. The New Hampshire Health Education Standards emphasize the teaching of skills as well as health concepts. Performance assessment offers educators a way to measure students' knowledge and skills. It shifts the emphasis from knowing health facts to developing health skills. Participation in this course will offer health educators an opportunity to:

- Review the New Hampshire Health Education Standards
- Review NH state regulations for health education
- Review alignment of curriculum, instruction and assessment
- Examine the components, tools/criteria of good assessment
- Practice scoring student work
- Examine the dilemmas in converting to performance-based grading
- Develop a performance task

**20 contact hours for successful completion of course.**

## One-Shot Technology Boosters

### Home Networking

**Instructor:** Paula Churchill, Technology Integrator

**Date/Time:** Thursday, January 12, 2006 from 4:00 to 7:30

**Cost:** Members \$20, Associates \$35, Non-Members \$50 (includes light meal)

The home networking session will focus on setting up a wired, wireless, or combination network to your cable modem or DSL connection in your home. This will include a demonstration of setting up multiple computers to connect to your cable or DSL connection at home. Wireless routers, cabling and configurations will also be covered.

### Inspiration<sup>®</sup> in the Classroom

**Instructor:** Deborah Stewart

**Date/Time:** Thursday, January 26, 2006 from 4:00 to 7:30

**Cost:** Members \$30, Associates \$40, Non-Members \$50 (includes light meal)

Come and experiment with this visual mapping software that helps students develop ideas and organize thinking. Inspiration tools will help your students tap into their creativity with concept maps, webs, idea maps, outlining, note-taking and brainstorming. Discover "hands on" how Inspiration inspires higher level thinking skills. Examples will primarily be for the elementary classroom.

### Digital Photos

**Instructor:** Paula Churchill, Technology Integrator

**Date/Time:** Thursday, February 9, 2006 from 4:00 to 7:30

**Cost:** Members \$20, Associates \$35, Non-Members \$50 (includes light meal)

A hands-on evening to practice downloading, managing, resizing and handling digital images from various sources: digital cameras, scanners, and the Internet.

### Computer Tuning

**Instructor:** Paula Churchill, Technology Integrator

**Date/Time:** Thursday, March 16, 2006 from 4:00 to 7:30

**Cost:** Members \$20, Associates \$35, Non-Members \$50 (includes light meal)

A discussion on spyware, virus software and clean-up of your startup items. Learn how to make your computer feel younger and faster.

## Wilson Language Training: Foundations<sup>®</sup>

**Presenter:** Wilson Language Trainer

**Date/Time:** March 27 & 28, 2006 from 9:00 to 3:00

**Cost:** Member School Staff \$250/person, Associates \$300, Non-members \$350.

**Kits:** Foundation's Teacher Kit is highly recommended, additional \$340/kit

**Meals:** Refreshments and lunch will be provided. NCES may not be able to accommodate special dietary requirements.

Foundations<sup>®</sup> is a systematic and explicit phonemic awareness, phonics and spelling program for the general education classroom that fits into your K-3 literacy block. Based upon Wilson Reading System principles, Foundations serves as a prevention and early intervention program to help reduce reading and spelling failure. The 30-minute daily lessons provide a multisensory approach to teaching that benefits all your students.

## Highly Qualified Special Educators and ESOL Teachers

**Facilitator:** Deborah Roody, Education Consultant, with Anne Davis, Title II-A State Coordinator, Bureau of Integrated Programs, NHDOE

**Date/Time:** January 23, 2006 from 9:00 to 2:30

**Registration Deadline:** January 13th.

**Cost:** \$35.00 (includes lunch)

For building and system administrators, this day of information, discussion and problem solving will focus on the following topics:

- Current requirements for HQT status for SPED/ESOL
- Scheduling for SPED/ESOL delivery of services
- Resources to help SPED teachers understand the new content requirements
- Hiring strategies that promote compliance
- Collaborative efforts to promote HQT Status for Special Educators and ESOL teachers

**Writing professional development grants? Remember the NCES PD Center now has a Technology Integrator on staff available for local consulting and training.**

Registration is required for all events by call 466-5437 or 800-268-5437 or emailing becky@ncedservices.org. All events are held at the NCES Professional Development Center, Gorham, NH unless otherwise noted.

