

## Adult educators recognized for classroom performance



Congratulations to the eight adult educators who recently earned Nevada's outcome-based ABE Certificate of Performance:

- ✪ **Catholic Charities:** Denise Hogan, Patrick S.K.T. Matsuda
- ✪ **Community Multicultural Center:** Jenny Wong
- ✪ **Great Basin College:** Trudy Gilbertson, Abigail Reynolds Penny
- ✪ **Truckee Meadows Community College:** Dawnne Ernette, Eriko Sakamura, Wei Xu

Additional kudos to the seven instructors who renewed their Certificates, continuing to show exemplary student outcomes and participation in meaningful professional development during the preceding three years:

- ✪ **College of Southern Nevada:** Tracy Allen, Della Coronado
- ✪ **Great Basin College:** Susan Bettles
- ✪ **Truckee Meadows Community College:** Gail Hettich, Paula Kizis, Aiko Nagao
- ✪ **Western Nevada College:** Geraldine Thomson

### Many ways to renew

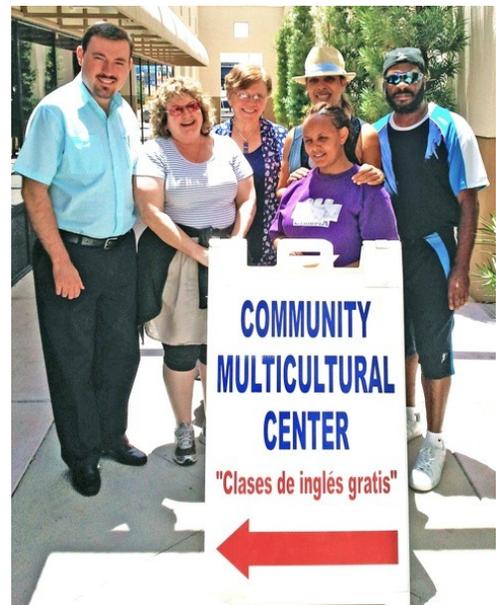
Adult educators have many ways to earn the two professional development credits required for renewing the ABE Certificate of Performance, including workshops, learning communities, continuing education and college/university coursework, online/Web-based courses with significant facilitator support, and development and presentation of a high quality, meaningful workshop to a local program.

For a complete list and more information on the nation's only outcome-based recognition program, visit <http://nvae.us/abecp> or contact Ken Zutter, 775/687-7291, [kzutter@doe.nv.gov](mailto:kzutter@doe.nv.gov).

## CMC students ACE it

Las Vegas' Community Multicultural Center (CMC, [www.cmclv.org](http://www.cmclv.org)) is one of Nevada's eight Adult Basic Education Programs funded through the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act. The programs provide instruction in literacy, English as a Second Language, GED preparation, and career pathways. CMC serves an additional population through its Adult Core Education (ACE) segment, an individualized reading and writing program for adults with learning challenges. Read about ACE student successes in Success Stories (<http://nvedu.org/studentsuccess>), issue 7.

Pictured, left to right: ACE Coordinators Milan Devetak and Holly Meyers, CMC Executive Director Lyn Pizor, ACE Tutor Evelyn Thompson, ACE students Tony McCraney and (in front) Alem Woldemicael.





## GED testing on computer (CBT): get the facts

A recent lively discussion on COABE’s Region 7 discussion list surfaced some confusion about the upcoming changes to the GED® testing program, especially about computer-based testing. CT Turner, director of public affairs & government relations, clarified:

- The GED test on computer, now offered in 17 states, and the new 2014 GED test are NOT online. Whether adults take the test on computer or on paper, they must take it in person at an official testing center. We have a public campaign targeting this issue and online fraud, as well. We encourage you to help spread the word. You can direct people to [www.GEDtestingservice.com/fraud](http://www.GEDtestingservice.com/fraud) where they can find information and report potential scams/fraud.
- The GED test does not require a live internet connection at the time of the test. This was very important when we considered the move to computer-based testing, so that we could have solutions to better serve rural populations and correctional facilities.
- Moving to computer-based testing was not driven by a GED Testing Service whim, but rather by society and the workforce. Basic technology is considered a component of basic literacy by the U.S. Department of Education; it is increasingly becoming a necessity in the workplace, from administrative jobs to stock clerks to health care positions. In fact, jobs with the 10 largest U.S. employers (Walmart, IBM, UPS, McDonald’s, Target, Kroger, etc.) will start with an online job application. In addition, many certificate and credentialing programs GED grads will use to show their skills (e.g., pharmacy tech programs, college entrance exams, etc.) will be delivered on computer.

**Experts say that in the next 10 years, more new technology will be introduced into the world than in the last 50 years combined.**

Turner added, “I encourage everyone to get information from the source, so you can ensure you have the most up-to-date and accurate information. Anyone can sign up for our quarterly e-newsletter (“The Community”) at [www.GEDtestingservice.com](http://www.GEDtestingservice.com); this distribution list is also used to send major updates and announcements. Educators may also want to sign up for “Assessment Alerts” at [www.GEDtestingservice.com/assessment](http://www.GEDtestingservice.com/assessment). The alerts tell you when significant new or updated information is added to the site (such as when the item sampler is released).”

### Preparing for CBT: 10 keyboarding sites

Adult Education Accountability Specialist/Business Process Analyst/Data Guru Ken Zutter recently shared this list of free Web sites where students can learn and practice keyboarding skills:

1. <http://www.freetypinggame.net/> — Typing lessons, games, and activities
2. <http://www.powertyping.com/> — Typing lessons, games, and activities
3. <http://www.nimblefingers.com/> — Typing lessons, games, and activities
4. <http://www.shambles.net/pages/staff/keybskills/> — Tons of typing websites!
5. <http://www.goodtyping.com/> — Typing course in other languages. Registration required
6. <http://www.learn2type.com/> — Registration required
7. <http://freeonlinetypinggames.com/> — Typing lessons, games, and activities
8. <http://www.typingtest.com/games/> — Typing lessons, games, and activities
9. <http://www.davis.k12.ut.us/cjh/appliedtech/business/keyboarding/> — Typing lessons
10. <http://www.sense-lang.org/typing/> — Typing lessons, games, and activities



### Nevada’s Professional Development Resource Bank updated

Thanks to Hortensia Medina and Dawnne Ernette for updating the [Resource Bank](http://www.nevadaadulteducation.org/nvrp) ([www.nevadaadulteducation.org/nvrp](http://www.nevadaadulteducation.org/nvrp)). The Bank contains links to hundreds of professional development resources geared to adult educators. It is organized into ten skill areas; each skill area is broken down into discrete skills, so it is easy to pinpoint specific areas to explore.

[Working with the Adult Learner](#)

[Understanding the Adult Education System](#)

[Assessing and Monitoring Progress](#)

[Planning and Organizing for Instruction](#)

[Delivering Instruction](#)

[Facilitating Adult Learning in the Subject/Content Areas ABE/ASE/GED](#)

[Using Equipment and Technology](#)

[Facilitating Adult Learning in the Subject/Content Areas ESL](#)

[Developing as a Professional](#)

[Facilitating Family Literacy Instruction](#)

## NAE News: upcoming PD

### Local PD Day in Reno:

Plans are well underway for a northern Professional Development Day on October 6 at the Siena Hotel Spa and Casino. The event kicks off with a no-host Meet and Greet on Friday evening October 5, followed by a full day of sessions along three strands: GED, ESL, and Career Pathways. Participants will be able to earn renewal credit for Nevada's Teaching License.

Hotel rooms are available at the special rate of \$79.00 per night plus taxes and fees. Mention the Nevada Adult Educators (NAE) Conference when booking: 800/339-6051 or 775/682-3900.

There will be a discounted NAE member rate and a non-NAE member rate for the conference. If you're not a member, [join now](#); your membership will be good through June 30, 2013!

For more information, contact NAE Board Member Kathleen Jameson, 775/575-3409, [kjameson@lyon.k12.nv.us](mailto:kjameson@lyon.k12.nv.us).

### International Conference

**in Las Vegas:** NAE, along with the Adult Higher Education Alliance (AHEA, [www.ahea.org](http://www.ahea.org)) and the International Society for Comparative Adult Education (ISCAE, [www.iscae.org](http://www.iscae.org)), are partnering for the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education's Conference in Las Vegas November 4-9. Check out AAACE's conference site (<http://www.aaace.org/2012-conference>) for a preliminary schedule, early-bird registration, and other information.

**AAACE's mission is to provide leadership for the field of adult and continuing education by expanding opportunities for adult growth and development; unifying adult educators; fostering the development and dissemination of theory, research, information, and best practices; promoting identity and standards for the profession; and advocating relevant public policy and social change initiatives.**



### College readiness for English Language Learners: very promising!

The National College Transition Network's Promising Practice Series provides field-tested strategies and the latest research insights for teachers, counselors, program coordinators, and others helping adult students transition to postsecondary education.

The recently published "Integrating Core College and Career Readiness Skills" Practice describes how one organization held a series of staff workshops to identify a set of Core Skills that all education and training departments would address. These Core Skills are the foundational skills to students' immediate and long-term goals and are appropriate to the skill levels of particular students or clients. The project has provided more consistency in the delivery of educational services across all departments. Access this and 15 additional promising practices at [www.collegetransition.org](http://www.collegetransition.org).

### NCTN webinars on college readiness for ELLs this fall

The Webinars are all 3 - 4 p.m. EDT. Cost of participation is \$49 per webinar or all three for \$125. There are special rates for [NCTN members](#). Visit [www.collegetransition.org](http://www.collegetransition.org) for latest information.

- **ESOL Transitions Framework** Tuesday, October 2  
Presenters: Luanne Teller and Carey Reid, SABES, World Education, Inc.
- **Academic Vocabulary Development** Tuesday, November 13  
Presenter: Rebeca Fernandez, Central Piedmont Community College, NC
- **Program Design and Implementation: Focus on El Paso's Experience** Tuesday, December 4  
Presenters: Susan Tollefson and Mata Edward, El Paso Community College

### Annual Effective Transitions in Adult Education Conference

November 7 - 9, Providence, RI

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## Is adult education underwater?

In February 2012, CLASP (an organization dedicated to developing and advocating for federal, state and local policies to strengthen families and create pathways to education and work) and the National Council for State Directors of Adult Education surveyed state directors of adult education. The goal was to glean information about important policies that govern the way adult education is funded, including the costs borne by local districts, community colleges, and other providers and by the states, the federal government, and students.

The results shed light on a national system whose state branches are more different than they are similar. States vary widely across each topic covered, with one critical exception: Most strive to keep costs low for students, who desperately need adult education services to build better lives for themselves and improve their economic prospects. Access the full 28-page report, "Sinking or Swimming: Findings from a Survey of State Adult Education Tuition and Financing Policies" at <http://nvae.us/6i>.

## Web site updated

Nevada's Adult Education staff have added significant new material to [www.NevadaAdultEducation.org](http://www.NevadaAdultEducation.org) since its launch in July 2011. Educators can find links to Content Standards, professional development opportunities, Nevada's [ABE Certificate of Performance](#), and various other resources. Administrators will find current policies, forms, and presentations. Students and supporters can access individual program information, success stories, statistics, and fact sheets. All are searchable from the site, no registration required ... check it out!

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