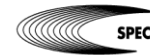




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SPECIAL INTEREST DIVISION 12

Augmentative and
Alternative Communication

11TH Annual Conference on Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC):

Professional Preparation of Speech-Language Pathologists

January 24-26, 2011

New This Year! ASHA Special Interest Division 12 (DAAC) Conference to be held in collaboration with and immediately preceding the Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA) Orlando Conference.

Location: Caribe Royale All-Suite Hotel and Convention Center, Orlando, Florida

The 2011 Conference of the ASHA Special Interest Division on Augmentative and Alternative Communication (DAAC) will address the critically important topic of effective approaches in augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) to pre-service and in-service professional preparation of speech-language pathologists. This program will include presentations and discussions necessary for continuing education (CE) subjects relevant to the academician as well as the clinician providing direct service.

Who should attend? University faculty, adjunct instructors, supervising clinicians, practicing AAC clinicians who teach AAC to colleagues, AAC consultants who deliver community-based continuing education, and other interested individuals

The 2011 conference will follow the standards that previous DAAC Annual Conferences have established. Keynote sessions will be presented by experts in the program's area of focus who are not experts on augmentative & alternative communication — helping participants broaden learning and facilitate discussions on the relationship of this subject to the practice of AAC. Each keynote presentation will be followed by a discussion of the keynote presentations by an expert from our field of AAC, further informing our learning.

After the keynotes, individual presentations, workshops, and discussions will focus on proven professional preparation practices for speech language pathologists to be effective AAC practitioners. All participants will have the opportunity to submit proposals for the interactive Poster Sessions scheduled for the culmination of the conference. In addition, all attendees will be able to access the grand opening of the ATIA exhibit hall, one of the largest displays of current AAC technologies.

Topic and Learning Goals: This conference will present intermediate to advanced level information regarding emerging best practices in the pre-service, in-service, and professional preparation of speech-language pathologists who can provide appropriate, high-quality AAC services to individuals with complex communication needs.

At the conclusion of the conference, attendees will be able to:

- (1) Identify quality indicators for clinical preparation in AAC
- (2) Describe methods for delivering AAC content during pre-service courses; in inservice and consultative trainings for school- and clinic-based teams; and in continuing education courses and workshops.
- (3) Identify effective, evidence-based practices for training service providers in the use of technology
- (4) Describe the characteristics of effective practices in teaching adult learners;
- (5) Describe teaching practices that enable learners to integrate new learning into new practices;
- (6) Describe the role of ASHA in reviewing personnel preparation programs and determining requirements for certification.

For further information about the 11TH Annual Conference on Augmentative and Alternative Communication, please go to http://www.asha.org/Members/divs/div_12.htm. For general information about the ATIA conference following the DAAC conference, please visit the ATIA Website at: www.atia.org.