

Summary

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LOL: Learning On Line - A Notetaker Training

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Online training of student notetakers is now available- it's comprehensive, it's interactive, and it's free!

Presented in three modules, the training takes 90 minutes. Students learn effective notetaking strategies and complete the training at their convenience. At the end, notetakers receive a printed certificate and present a set of notes to their local administrator for review. DSS Coordinators can access a handbook for implementing a notetaker program that suggests selection criteria, policies, and practices for using student notetakers effectively. The outcome of this training will be improved quality of notes for students who are deaf and hard of hearing!

Module 1 discusses:

- why notes are critical for students with disabilities
- benefits of notetaking
- notetaking for students who are deaf and hard of hearing
- how notetaking for other students is different from taking notes for yourself
- roles and responsibilities of Notetakers
- deaf awareness
- qualities of a good Notetaker

In the second module, the focus is Taking Good Notes:

- listening skills
- understanding what you hear
- notetaking mechanics
- formatting strategies
- preparation of notes
- common notetaking problems

Module 3 stresses the need to Collaborate with Students and Faculty:

- being a "para-professional"
- "professional" guidelines and practices
- communicating with students who are deaf and hard of hearing
- Notetaker Code of Ethics
- collaborating with Faculty

Notetaker trainees will complete quizzes at the end of each module. At the end of the training, students listen to a class lecture and prepare notes to present to their college's DSS Coordinator (who will have guidelines to use in judging the quality of the notes.)

The Northeast Technical Assistance Center, Camden County College, and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf collaborated to develop this much-needed training package.