

*The Gengras Center Professional  
Academy*

The Gengras Center is a unique, special education program for elementary, middle and high school students with intellectual, developmental, learning disabilities, and related behavioral challenges.

**Our highly trained staff; featuring administrators, special education teachers, speech and language pathologists, school psychologist, social workers, physical and occupational therapist, school nurse, and adventure educators are now offering trainings to other professionals and community agencies in a variety of areas.**

To register, please complete the registration information portion of this packet and send to:

The Gengras Center Professional Academy  
1678 Asylum Ave.  
West Hartford, CT 06117

**Once registered, an email confirmation will be sent with details regarding the workshop.**

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding programming, please email [mprue@sjc.edu](mailto:mprue@sjc.edu).



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***NOW OFFERING FOR  
FALL 2009  
WINTER 2010  
SPRING 2010***

TRAINING & IN-SERVICE  
WORKSHOPS

FOR:

- EDUCATORS
- COMMUNITY AGENCIES

<http://ww2.sjc.edu/gengras/>



***I. “Environmental Supports for Students with Multiple Disabilities”***

This workshop will focus on ways to structure the classroom environment to promote active participation, flexibility, and independence among students with a wide range of learning differences. This training will be beneficial to teachers, paraprofessionals, and professionals working with children and young adults with special needs.

Instructor:  
Arlette Cassidy, Ph.D.

Date: 11/18/09  
Registration Begins: 10/01/09  
Workshop Time: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$40.00  
Registration Deadline: 11/11/09

***II. “Developing Meaningful Individual Educational Plans for Students with Moderate to Severe Disabilities”***

Participants will learn how to develop goals that meet the needs of students with significant disabilities in current programming as well as into the future. By starting with an ecological inventory, professionals will gain insight into the value of creating a dynamic program through the development of a comprehensive set of goals and objectives.

Instructor:  
Michelle Lestrud, M.A., C.A.G.S.

Date: 01/13/10  
Registration Begins: Ongoing  
Time: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$40.00  
Registration Deadline: 01/06/10

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Please complete the registration information and send back with payment to:

The Gengras Center Professional Academy  
Attn: Melissa Noyes  
1678 Asylum Ave.  
West Hartford, CT 06117

*Please note: All registration deadlines are listed along with workshop descriptions. Registrations and payment must be received by the deadline. Workshops will be held at The Gengras Center.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Position, Age of students you work with:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the number for each workshop you will attend:

I.                      II.                      III.                      IV.

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

\*CEUs will be awarded for each workshop. Please be prepared to provide your Social Security Number at registration to obtain CEUs.

Please make checks payable to: The Gengras Center

If you have any questions please call Melissa Noyes at:  
(860)-232-5616

***III. “Vocational Programming for Students with Multiple Disabilities”***

Vocational programming in the community provides valuable real life experiences as students mature and begin to transition to post-graduate opportunities. The Gengras Center presenter will provide an overview of various appropriate vocational experiences both in the community and within the school building for programs looking to expand their options through real work options.

Instructor:  
Caroline Wilson, M.A.

Date: 03/17/10  
Registration Begins: Ongoing  
Time: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$40.00  
Registration Deadline: 03/10/10

***IV. “Hocus Pocus Focus Your Locus”***

This Adventure Education workshop will provide participants new experiential tips and tools for leading active and reflective activities that help to focus their learning groups. Methods taught can be used to frontload learning, to sustain group momentum, to energize problem solving and to provide new streams of insight during debriefing. Participants will begin to understand how these activities will help to harness and focus the collective power of the group.

Instructors:  
Michael Gessford, M.S.  
Justin McGlamery

Date: 04/14/10  
Registration Begins: Ongoing  
Time: 1:30 -3:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$40.00  
Registration Deadline: 04/07/10