

Overview of Learning Disabilities



PRESENTED BY

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SERIES SESSIONS

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Learning Opportunity

Target Audience: Grades 3-10 classroom teachers, administrators, educational assistants, pre-service teachers, and professionals who work with individuals with learning disabilities are encouraged to attend.

This session aims to provide an overview of learning disabilities, covering the history and a focus on the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada (LDAC) definition of LD and its implications on student learning. Participants will learn about key milestones and influential research that has shaped our current understanding. There will also be a focus on the brain, specifically the neurological factors that impact the cognitive processes. Lastly, participants will take away some key evidence-based instructional approaches, assistive technology and accommodations that can create inclusive learning environments for all students. By the end of the session, participants should be able to answer the following: "How do I know this is a learning disability?" "What can I do to help, given my classroom context?" and "How do I know it is working?"

Presenters

Kim McLean

Kim McLean, M. Ed; has been a special education teacher for over 40 years. She is a former principal of Calgary Academy and Foothills Academy; both are independent schools for students with learning disabilities. She holds degrees from Brock University and Lesley University. Currently she is the Principal of the Quest School, a teacher evaluator (DSA) for AISC and a sessional instructor at the University of Calgary on "Social, Emotional and Behavioral Success for Students with Learning Disabilities". Kim is the Chair of the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada (LDAC) Research Committee and a member of the Board of Directors. Kim presents workshops and webinars for parents, teachers, schools, post secondary institutions, and businesses around North America on topics ranging from; the brain and learning how to read, workplace accessibility, learning disabilities and high school students, and executive functioning.



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