



What people are saying about Customized Technology Training for Educators:

“This in-service broadened my understanding of assistive technology for speech, reading, and writing. Well worth the money!”

—An educator

“The reading aids demonstrated will be very useful for my classroom. The training also helped me think of less expensive ways to adapt materials for my students.”

—An educator

“I never knew PACER had such a large assistive technology center. I am very excited to use your services this school year.”

—An educator

About the Simon Technology Center

The Simon Technology Center is dedicated to making the benefits of technology more accessible to children and adults with disabilities and a resource for all the professionals who work with students. Through a collaborative effort involving parents, professionals, and consumers, the STC provides numerous services and resources.

About PACER Center

PACER Center is a parent center for families of children and young adults with any disability. PACER provides individual assistance, workshops, publications, and other resources to help families make decisions about education and other services for their child or young adult with disabilities.



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Simon Technology Center (STC) Customized Technology Training for Educators



Tools and Strategies to Meet Your
In-service Needs—and the Learning
Needs of Children with Disabilities

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Customized Technology Training Helps Schools and Students

When educators learn how to effectively use assistive technology (AT), everyone wins.

- Teachers learn new skills and earn certificates of attendance.
- Administrators make the most of school resources.
- Students with disabilities have better educational outcomes.

AT includes any device, from low-tech to high-tech, that helps people do something they were unable to do before. For children with disabilities, AT can significantly enhance learning, play, communication, social skills, and independence.

Through hands-on instruction, presentations, technology demonstrations, and case studies, customized technology training can help education professionals learn to use:

- tools and technology already in their schools
- accessibility features on school computers
- specific software programs such as:

- Boardmaker
- Classmate Reader
- Clicker 5
- IntelliKeys®
- Kurzweil 3000
- Read and Write Gold



Select the Training that's Right for You

You can choose from the following popular trainings or request a topic to meet your group's specific needs.

Introduction to Assistive Technology *Beginning the Road to AT*

Provides an overview of the many tools and devices available and increases awareness of how AT can improve the lives of people with disabilities. Leads participants through the Minnesota Department of Education's "Minnesota Assistive Technology Manual."

AT for Specific Needs *A Comparison of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Devices*

Compares the features of a number of devices available to aid in communication. Participants will gain a better understanding of the features and capabilities of each device.

A Comparison of Technology Tools for Reading and Writing

Looks at features of popular reading and writing software programs to help each participant determine which program best fits his or her students' needs.

AT for Children with Autism

Addresses a range of technology to help children with autism from early childhood to high school.

Universal Design *Understanding Universal Design for Learning (UDL)*

Explores what UDL is and how to implement it in the classroom. Participants also will see technology demonstrations that illustrate the UDL concept, which supports accessible design in all things—from buildings to curricula.

Training Location, Cost, and Scheduling

Your customized session can take place **at your location or at the STC technology lab** in Bloomington, Minnesota. Fees depend on the length of the training, number of trainers, and mileage.

The trainings are geared for **classroom teachers, special educators, rehabilitation specialists, or others who work with children with disabilities**. Each participant receives a certificate of attendance that can be used for continuing education credit and a resource packet with the latest information on the training topic.

For more information or to schedule your training, call the STC at 952-838-9000 or send an email to STC@PACER.org.

