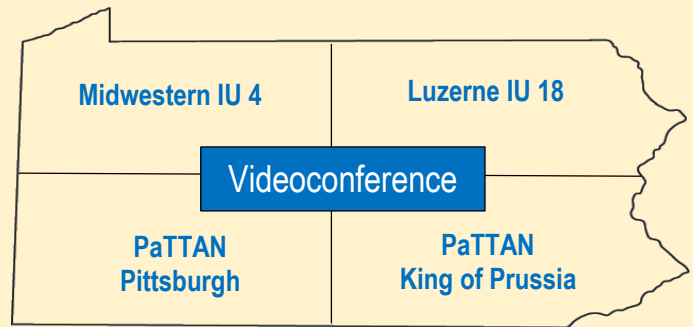


Unified English Braille Take 2 Training, Updates, and Implementation – A Hands-on Experience

October 29 and 30, 2015
8:30 am - 4:00 pm



This training is a replication of the August 2015 Low Incidence Institute so all Pennsylvania teachers of students with visual impairments receive training on the Unified English Braille (UEB) code that will be implemented in the United States on January 4, 2016. An explanation of the changes between UEB and current code will be provided and discussed. Participants will have daily opportunities for hands-on practice of various UEB examples with discussion to follow. This training will focus on “literary” materials as well as technical materials. Example documents transcribed in UEB will be reviewed. Participants will also engage in a discussion regarding the Pennsylvania proposed state implementation plan.

Please Note: All participants will need their Perkins Braillewriters and braille paper for this training event.

Training Objectives: Participants will:

- Discuss the changes between current code and UEB: impetus for the changes in the code and implications for braille instruction and transcription
- Discuss the rationale for UEB development
- Demonstrate understanding of basic principles of UEB by brailleing example sentences
- Review UEB math basics and demonstrate understanding by brailleing example problems
- Discuss the BANA Nemeth-UEB provisional guidance document and its impact on math materials
- Discuss current status of UEB in United States and other countries
- Discuss implementation efforts in the U.S. and in Pennsylvania in particular

Presenter: Dr. Frances Mary D’Andrea
Frances Mary D’Andrea, Ph.D., is an instructor at the University of Pittsburgh and other universities, and an educational consultant specializing in literacy issues related to students with visual impairments. Dr. D’Andrea began as a teacher of students with visual impairments in 1982, and from 1995-2005 she worked at the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB), and helped establish their National Literacy Center. She is currently Past-Chair of the Braille Authority of North America (BANA), and has served as AFB’s representative to BANA since 1998. She is co-author of several textbooks including the recently published *Ashcroft Programmed Instruction in Braille: Unified English Braille*.



Agenda:

October 29, 2015

- 8:30 am - 9:30 am An Introduction to Unified English Braille (UEB)
- 9:45 am - Noon Hands-On Practice 1
- Noon - 1:00 pm Lunch On Your Own
- 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Hands-On Practice 2
- 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm UEB Updates and Resources

There will be two fifteen minute breaks.

October 30, 2015

- 8:30 am - 9:45 am UEB and Math – Background and History
- 10:00 am - 11:30 am Hands-on Practice 3
- 11:30 am - Noon Nemeth-UEB Task Force
Provisional Guidance for Transcription
- Noon - 1:00 pm Lunch On Your Own
- 1:00 pm - 2:45 pm PA UEB Implementation – Facilitated Workgroups
Review PA UEB Implementation Draft Plan
PA UEB Implementation Plan: Proposed Draft
- 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Planning for PA Challenges For Our Field

There will be two fifteen minute breaks.

Registration:

Please register for this event by visiting our homepage at www.pattan.net.

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Credits: Act 48, ACVREP



Individuals attending this event must arrive on time and stay the duration of the event in order to receive Act 48 Professional Education hours. [12] Act 48 hours are offered for this training.



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