**Placement Guidelines for High-Level Students**

The information in the table below represents policies already in place for Level 6 students. It is meant to be a reminder for how to place high-level students per the FY 2011 Assessment Policy. The policy is on the ABLE website: [http://uso.edu/network/workforce/able/reference/policies/Assessment_Policy.pdf](http://uso.edu/network/workforce/able/reference/policies/Assessment_Policy.pdf)

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<td>Above level 6</td>
<td>Refer to postsecondary</td>
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<td>ASE without a high school diploma or GED</td>
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<td>Options: (1) Enroll in ABLE or (2) Not enroll and take the Official GED Practice Test</td>
<td>400D 900A2 – Modified Student Experience Model for Students with GED Specific Goals</td>
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<td>ESOL</td>
<td>Above ESOL Level 6</td>
<td>Reassess the student with an ABE/ASE standardized assessment. Code the student as ABE in ABLELink even if he/she is receiving ESOL services.</td>
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*Refer to Appendix A: Assessment Charts in the Policy*

**Ohio ABLE Assessment Directory**

The Ohio ABLE Assessment Directory, a directory of assessment and screening tools available for use with adult learners, can be accessed through the Northwest ABLE Resource Center website’s under the Assessment tab and on the ABLE website under Policies.
and Supporting Documents at Assessment Directory. The directory provides a brief overview of the purpose of various assessment instruments, time requirements, and costs so that ABLE administrators and teachers can decide which documents to investigate for use.

The Adult Basic and Literacy Education Program has identified specific standardized assessments that are approved for documenting a student’s placement, progress, and level advancement. Those assessments are outlined in the first chart of the directory. Following the policy are additional charts divided into specific content areas. The chart for each content area lists state-approved standardized assessments before listing additional assessments/screening tools. Inclusion of these other tools (shown in italics on the Table of Contents) does not imply a recommendation for their use, but rather provides other tools that teachers may consider in the process of gathering, describing, or quantifying information about student performance or learning.

The Northwest ABLE Resource Center will update the directory annually to reflect current prices, contact information, and State ABLE policy. For further information regarding any of the assessments, go to the links provided on the charts or contact the Northwest ABLE Resource Center at nwrc@nwable.org or 567-661-7675.

Non-Local Education Agency LPDC

If you are employed by a Non-Local Education Agency (Non-LEA) Adult Basic program and need to renew your Ohio Teaching License, the non-LEA ABLE Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC) can help you. This is a group of educators who can review and approve your Professional Development Plan (PDP). The approval of the plan is required for issuance of your professional educator license.

You will need to submit your PDP to the LPDC for approval on a yearly basis. Then toward the end of the program year, you need to submit documentation for the professional development activities that you completed.

Each teacher is responsible for the costs to renew his/her licenses. Since licenses and costs vary, please check the Ohio Department of Educations website at www.ode.state.oh.us
Note: The LPDC can not upgrade provisional certificates to professional certificates, upgrade professional certificates to permanent certificates, renew or approve temporary certificates, licenses or validations, or add new areas to a certificate or license.

Additional details are available at www.ohioablelpdc.org

**Ohio ABLE Provider Directory**

The Central/Southeast Resource Center (C/SERC) announces the updated and expanded version of the ABLE Provider Directory containing information about professionals who will provide diagnostic services pro bono, on a sliding scale, or at a reduced rate. The directory can be accessed at [http://ouproviders.abedisabilities.org/](http://ouproviders.abedisabilities.org/) or from a link on the C/SERC ABE Web Portal at [http://oh.abedisabilities.org](http://oh.abedisabilities.org). At that site, click the blue Ohio ABLE Provider Directory icon.

ABLE providers may click on a county to find professionals in the area. Users can also use the search feature.
This is the new interface that end users will see:

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I am a Clinical Psychologist with particular interest and experience in assessing for learning disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and a variety of cognitive processing and personality disorders in adults. Having family members with these difficulties has given me firsthand knowledge of the nature and ramifications of these disorders.

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The C/SERC is working to recruit hearing and vision specialists to join the directory. This work will be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

If you have professionals in your area who may be willing to provide these services, please send their information to Sharon Reynolds at reynolds1@ohio.edu.

Reminders

1. Conference Call for FY 2012 Grant - The OBR staff will be conducting a meeting via Elluminate™ to go over the FY 2012 grant application. Details about the call will be published in the next Friday Facts.

Quote of the Week

“One kind word can warm three winter months.”

Japanese proverb

Winter in an Ohio Park, January 2010