

**THE NORTH CAROLINA  
AUGMENTATIVE COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY WORKS, INC.  
present:**

***" AAC and State Standards in the Classroom: A Starting Point  
AAC Evaluation and Evidence Based Feature Match Methods***

**July 22, 2011**

**LOCATION**

The Broyhill Inn and Appalachian Conference Center  
775 Bodenheimer Drive  
Boone, NC 28607

**PRESENTERS**

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**Workshop Description**

The first part of the workshop will discuss the common barriers to AAC use in a variety of classroom situations and strategies to remove or overcome those barriers. Participants will learn about vocabulary selection for maximum use in the classroom with minimal "programming" time. The majority of time will be spent discussing the state standards that teachers must meet in the classroom and an approach that integrates the use of AAC into those curriculums.

The second part of the workshop will explore methods for conducting a comprehensive augmentative communication assessment and feature match process for persons with complex communication needs within the framework of evidence based practice. Participants will understand the components of an effective AAC assessment including evaluating sensory/perceptual skills, cognitive/linguistic strengths, literacy, physical access needs as well as the potential user's communication partners and environments.

**Learning Objectives**

Workshop participants will be able to:

1. Identify key parts of an educational state standard as it applies to AAC use in the classroom.
  2. Select appropriate vocabulary for using AAC in the classroom
  3. Name the steps of backward planning and apply them to state standard and AAC
  4. Practice implementing strategies learned and writing effective lesson plan
  5. Explain reasons why AAC is needed in a classroom and why it is difficult to implement
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1. Identify the components of a comprehensive augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) assessment.
  2. Describe the role of Evidence Based Practice in the augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) assessment.
  3. Define feature matching in augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) assessment.
  4. Identify AAC device features.
  5. Identify methods of physical access and rate enhancement techniques.

**COST**

\* Pre-registration cost \$50.00 for NCACA members

\* Pre-registration cost \$70.00 for non-members (Includes membership for NCACA)

\* Late registration cost \$70.00 for members & \$90.00 for non-members (includes membership)

There will be a \$5.00 charge for submitting ASHA CEU's

Pre-registration must be received by **July 19, 2011** and mailed to:

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This course is offered for .6 ASHA CEUs ( Intermediate ) level, Professional area.

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REGISTRATION FORM

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                     Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Workshop Agenda:**

- 8:00 Registration
- 8:30 AAC needs in the classroom environment
- 9:00 Discuss use of routines and thematic based methods with overview of fun routines
- 10:00 Vocabulary Selection to meet classroom needs
- 10:30 Videos of AAC in various classroom environments
- 11:00 Backward Planning with State Standards
- 11:30 Case Studies and Application/implementation of strategies and methods learned
- 12:00 LUNCH
- 1:00 Components of a comprehensive augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) assessment
- 1:30 Building the Language Representation foundation
- 2:00 Summary of AAC Access Techniques
- 2:45 Evidence Based Practice in AAC Decision Making
- 3:15 AAC Feature Matching
- 4:30 CONCLUSION

Please take care of your personal care as needed; Formal breaks will not be offered to increase CEU time



## **Lodging Information**

NCACA has a group of rooms available at the **Broyhill Inn and Appalachian Conference Center**

**1-800-951-6048**

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**Our NCACA group rate is \$89.00 plus tax.** Please make your reservations early. Deadline for making reservations to receive the room rate is June 29th.